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Newsletter of the Delaware River Chapter, TSCA

May, 2006

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 pm at

Red Dragon Canoe Club

The next meeting will be Trailer Preparation.

The MARION BREWINGTON fixup was scheduled for 29 April, but may be changed.

News from the Bid & Buy

April 11 was the annual bid and buy auction at the Red Dragon Canoe Club. The Bid and Buy always brings out a hungry and happy crowd, and this year was no exception. Here are some of the lucky bidders:

Pram Cradle	Mike Wick
Paddle	Frank Stauss
Sunfish.....	Tom Shephard
HMS Bounty Model.....	Mike Wick
Schooner Picture	Wendy Byar
Scrimshaw	Chuck Sutherland
Rigging bag	Tom Ethrington
TSCA Burgee	Ned Asplundh
Honey	Karen Rutherford
Chapelle Book	Pete Peters
Books.....	Al Moss
	Ron Gryn
	Pete Peters
Obadiah Trip.....	Phil Maynard
Mast & Jibs	Paul
Model Pulling Boat.....	Ned Asplundh
All Band Radio	Phil Maynard
Canvas	Karen Rutherford

I haven't heard a final tally of the total, but it was a good haul. I know I came home with an empty pocket. In my imagination I will soon be on my way to Tahiti for a cargo of breadfruit for the West Indies. I'm glad to report that the cradle is back only to hold magazines, not babies.

We always have a good turnout for the meetings at Mystic and Saint Michaels, but the club did itself proud when six members went down to Roger Allen's gathering in Florida. Wendy and Peter Byar, Karen & Bill Rutherford, and Tom and Mark Shephard all made the long haul and came back with an excellent report on the gathering at the Florida Gulf Coast Museum. The messabout was modeled after Saint Michaels, and Wendy has some excellent slides. I especially liked the restorations of two of Winer Malone's Abaco dinghys. Robb White was there with his RESCUE MINOR.

Closer to home the Delaware Valley Model Yacht Racing Association will meet at 1000 on 29 April at Laurel Acres Park, Mount Laurel.

Right now I am packing up my new trailer for the trip to Assateague Island. It seems to have been a very long winter, and it is a good feeling to be dusting off all the gear again. The new trailer is because the old trailer managed to fall off the hitch and put a mast through the back window of my car just before our messabout at Union Lake in September. It is bound for Tom Shephard's to hold some bee hives.

April Minutes:

It is time to start planning for the John Gardner Weekend at Mystic on June 3 and 4. The Comfort Inn in Mystic has rooms for \$79 if anybody is ready for a change from the campsite which can be rather wet.

New Jersey is starting to require a mandatory boater safety course, should we sponsor a class for next winter?

Tom Shephard, who is famous for his orphan boat program has adopted a Bluejay which is in need of some TLC from a handy club member. This is your golden opportunity to be the proud owner of a fine Sparkman & Stephens design for an affordable price.

Dave Soltesz wants company for a rowing and paddling passage from Trenton to Burlington. We would leave a car at Burlington and then row down with the tide and ferry back and forth. It is a lovely area and a not to strenuous trip with the tide.

Greg De Cowsky reported the the A.J. Meerwald will be in Burlington on the weekend of April 22. The Bayshore Project will be sponsoring a Bevins Skiff Program this Summer. They would be glad of assistance.

Last issue, Don Stokes had offered his Rob Barker sprit rig Whitehall for sale. I am glad to report that it was bought by Ted Stryker, of Galloway, NJ, a friend of John Guidera. He had been sailing on Union Lake with John and got hooked. He immediately became our newest member. Welcome to the club and my complements on your taste. It is a wonderful boat that will look good on Union Lake.

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