

The Scuttlebutt

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CALENDAR

April

22 ~ Madeline Cmte- 7 pm

26 ~ Champion cmte – 5:30 pm

May

10 ~ MHA Board mtg- 5:15 pm,
5/3 Bank building

8 ~ **Spring Potluck- 6 pm, GTYC**

15 ~ Ditty Bag Sewing party-10 am

27 ~ Madeline Cmte- 7 pm

June

5 ~ **Boat Auction** – 9 am

14 ~ MHA Board mtg- 5:15 pm,
5/3 Bank building

**(All events take place at the boat shop
unless otherwise stated)**

MHA Office and Restoration Shop

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please take a quick look at your address label on the front of the envelope. The date written near your name is when your MHA membership expires. If it has passed, please renew soon! You can renew on the MHA website or simply mail a check to the office. Thanks!



EMAIL??

If you have an email address and have not received email from MHA, **please** send a quick note to info@MaritimeHeritageAlliance.org and we will get you on the mailing list.

BOAT AUCTION JUNE 5

Planning has begun for our annual Boat Auction, to be held Saturday, June 5, at the Discovery Center ~ Great Lakes campus (boat shops).

We are in need of an Auction Chairperson to help organize this year's event. The paperwork and tracking systems are in place and are quite easy to work with. If you can help, please contact Mark ASAP, 231-645-1625.

SPRING POTLUCK SATURDAY, MAY 8

Our Spring Potluck meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 8**, at **6 pm** at the **Grand Traverse Yacht Club**. This will be a non-alcoholic event, so bring your friends and a dish to pass. It should be a fun evening and a great kick-off to another season of sailing.

MADELINE REPORT

Special thank you to *Madeline* crew who worked on winter maintenance projects: Jerry Reynard, Richard Blake, George Cummings, Roger Merrillat, and Rod Jones, among others. On-the-water training scheduling is currently underway. Please sign up with Marilyn Budde, 231-824-7334 or mjcbudde@yahoo.com.

On Sunday, June 27th, we will celebrate *Madeline's* 20th Birthday with a party and gathering at the docks. Details to follow.

Our summer voyage schedule will include participation in Great Lakes Challenge events in Bay City and Chicago and a stop in South Haven. The cover comes off this weekend, so stop down and lend a hand.

SEWING PARTY

We need sewers with machines to help make dittybags, Saturday, May 15, at 10 am until about 2, at the Shop. We will have the coffee/tea on. Call Pam at 231-228-2153 or email georgeandpamela@hotmail.com.

GLOBAL MARINE INSURANCE

A special thank you to Matt Anderson and Mike Smith of Global Marine Insurance for their sponsorship of the SAIL Champion program and corporate membership in the MHA. Visit their website at www.globalmarineinsurance.com for more info on the products and services they offer.

WHO'S THE NEW GUY?

Hello MHA members and friends: As many of you know, Rotary Charities has awarded MHA a Program Grant. The grant was requested to hire a Youth Program Coordinator to oversee the S.A.I.L Champion Program. I am honored to be taking on this new role and look forward to meeting all of you soon.

My wife Liz and I recently moved to the area to be closer to family and our favorite Lake. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management from Northern Michigan University.

Upon graduation, I worked at North House Folk School in Grand Marais,

Minnesota. I worked as a deckhand and later as captain aboard their 50' schooner *Hjordis*. The boat was used for day sails, education, and sail-training trips around Lake Superior. In the winters I have worked as a charter and sailboat delivery captain between various points on the east coast and the Virgin Islands. I was also a mate aboard the 137' historic Schooner *Roseway*, running educational programs for school kids from St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Sailing, maritime history, and outdoor education are some of my greatest passions and I'm grateful for the chance to apply these passions to the S.A.I.L Champion Program.

Last year I had the privilege to sail *Champion* for two weeks with students from Grand Traverse County Family Courts and Child and Family Services. I was impressed with the impact sailing *Champion* seemed to have on them. In their faces I was able to remember the feeling of hoisting sail on a gaffer for the first time, putting her on the wind and taking off. It is a sensation that can change a person, as many of us can attest. The S.A.I.L program has already shown positive results in our community and I hope to build on that success.

If you are looking for other ways to get involved with *Champion*, Jed Mooney would be glad to have you join his incredible efforts to get *Champion* ready for the sailing season, as she is currently under-going a major overhaul in building 2. Also, captains and crew are needed both for the S.A.I.L Program and for Guardians of the Bay sails. Guardians of the Bay sails are 2 _ hour evening sails aboard *Champion* that will be advertised this summer as a source of revenue for MHA. Crew training for *Champion* is scheduled throughout the week of June 14 with more detailed info to follow once everyone has signed-up. Please contact me with your questions, comments, and volunteer/crewing inquiries.

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VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

On the following 2 pages is a questionnaire. Please fill it out and return it to the MHA office! The Board of Directors would like your input. It can also be completed online by visiting <http://www.zoomeang.com/Survey/WEB22AFP4XDGM> Thank you!

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Larry Arnett shows the crew how to silk-screen. Larry has spent a great deal of time and money supporting MHA with his talent and we are very grateful. Thanks Larry!



Our 26' Voyageur canoe, completed this month. It floats! This canoe is representative of large trading canoes that plied the Great Lakes in the 1600's.

Membership Survey

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Maritime Heritage

Alliance. We need your assistance once again.

An important strategic initiative for this year is to strengthen our volunteer program and management systems. Please complete the following survey by sharing your honest feedback about how we can improve volunteer systems and support.

Your responses will remain confidential unless you choose to give us your name.

Please complete the survey and return it to us by Sunday, May 16, 2010. THANK YOU!

1) Are you currently an active MHA member (paid dues within last year)?

Yes No

If yes, how long have you been a member?

Less than 1 year

1 to 3 years

More than 3 years

2) What best describes your role as a volunteer with the Maritime Heritage Alliance?

I am an active volunteer who volunteers regularly throughout the year

I volunteer regularly during the summer season only

I volunteer occasionally to assist with a specific project or event

I have volunteered in the past but do not volunteer now

I have never volunteered

3) If you are a current volunteer, in what capacity do you serve? (Please check as many as apply):

Madeline Committee

- Welcome Committee
- Champion Committee
- Restoration Shop
- Board member
- Schooner Festival
- Other, please describe: _____

4) On average, how many hours per month do you serve as a volunteer?

0

1 to 2 hours

3 to 5 hours

6 to 9 hours

More than 10 hours

5) What are the barriers to you in serving as an MHA volunteer?

(Please check as many as apply)

I don't know about opportunities

Opportunities aren't available that meet my schedule

Opportunities aren't available that can include my family

Easier place to find opportunities or

I don't feel welcome by the other volunteers

I don't feel have the skills needed for the job

Other, please describe _____

6) If you were once a volunteer, but no longer volunteer, why did you stop? _____

7) How can we improve MHA volunteer support and systems?

(Please check as many as apply)

- Orientation and training for volunteers
- Clear role descriptions
- More diverse roles for volunteers; please explain _____

Better communication about opportunities to volunteer

Website page, posting or section for volunteers

Other, please describe _____

8) Please indicate the volunteer position you are most interested in. (Please check only one)

Sailing

Boat maintenance

Youth programs

Education programs/ community outreach

Boat auction

Schooner Festival

Fundraising/ event

Administrative/ office support

Website

Board of Directors

Board Committee

Other, please explain _____

9) Are there places/ positions within MHA that you feel have a need for volunteers?

10) In light of the growth of MHA over the past few years, tell us if you feel you've been sufficiently involved in planning the

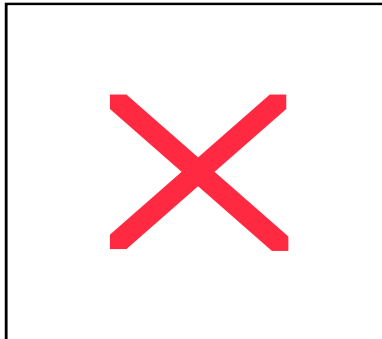
changes? Please check the response that mostly closely represents your feelings:

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- I am very satisfied by the opportunities I had to provide input and become involved in planning changes.
- I am mostly satisfied but wish I had the opportunity to provide more input or get more involved in planning.
- I am dissatisfied and feel that I should have been offered more opportunities to provide input or get involved in planning.
- I am very dissatisfied and feel that member involvement and planning has been handled poorly.
- I have no opinion.

If you would like to update your contact information or inquire about volunteering, please email: mark@maritimeheritagealliance.org or call: 231.946.2647.

Thank you again for your input.



11) How would you like to be involved in planning future organizational changes?

12) Do you have any other suggestions as to how we can improve MHA volunteer support and systems?

Thank you for participating in our survey and for your support of the Maritime Heritage Alliance. Please tear off and return your survey to: