

SHERIDAN SHORTS



FROM THE HELM

BY STAN GRAVES, COMMODORE

The opening of the harbor and heavy lift day are almost here although warm weather on a consistent basis is still teasing us. But, the winter activities have been a great success. Those of you who attended our mid-winter dinners were treated to great parties thanks to our club manager, Jeri Traub, Amy Nedoss, and a host of volunteers. We had 95 reservations and a few walk-ins at the first dinner and almost 90 at the second dinner. We also had 30 football fans at the club to watch the Super Bowl and cheer for their favorites. Our last winter dinner is scheduled for April 16 and we expect a great turn out. This has been a good "off season" and sets the stage for a great summer.

The summer schedule is full. Clean The Club Day will put the club house in even better shape. Open Houses, a full racing schedule, lunches on the deck, Friday night grills, deck parties and of course numerous informal get togethers will fill the summer. Check the web site to view the calendar and be sure to participate in all of the events with your friends. Don't forget to introduce friends and prospective members.

Our web site is a treasure trove of information. In addition to the calendar listing events, our racing schedule, information on Friday Night Grills, a crew bench to match crew with boats and weather forecasts are available.

Again, I remind you that this is a volunteer club. Please use your talents to make our club even better. Let a member of the board know if you have comments, compliments, suggestions for improvements or new activities or complaints. **Enjoy the club and have a great sailing and boating season!**

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER RECEPTION

The Membership Committee of Sheridan Shore Yacht Club cordially invites you to bring a prospective member to the Club for cocktails.

★ **Sunday, May 16, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** ★

Join us for an update on the benefits of membership including club activities, facilities and affordable options for initiation.

Door prizes and more. We hope to see you there!



SAVE THE DATE! SHERIDAN SHORE SAILING SCHOOL BENEFIT

**Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 6pm
Sheridan Shore Yacht Club**

Invite family and friends to a fun evening Saturday, May 22, for a great Nantucket-style lobster dinner, while supporting the Sheridan Shore Sailing School. The benefit will include an address by a guest speaker.

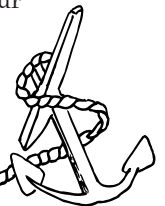
Each \$75 reservation includes appetizers, music, live Maine lobster with hot drawn butter (or chicken breast by request), grilled asparagus, coleslaw, wine, beer, soda, dessert and a generous \$45 donation to the Sheridan Shore Sailing School, a 501(c)(3) charity.



RSVP by Sunday, May 16

- On-line from the link at sheridanshoresailing.com
- Send an e-mail to rossrichards@comcast.net or
- Call Ross Richards at 847-772-7559

Reservations are a must, but you may pay at the door, with checks payable to "Sheridan Shore Sailing School." If you are unable to attend we would appreciate your support by mailing a donation to the Sheridan Shore Sailing School at 20 Harbor Drive, Wilmette, IL 60091.



SECOND QUARTER 2010

SHERIDAN SHORTS IS PRODUCED BY
THE SHERIDAN SHORE YACHT CLUB
LOCATED IN WILMETTE, ILLINOIS



AHOY!

We hope you enjoy this issue of Sheridan Shorts. Remember, if you have any ideas or submissions for upcoming issues send them to: GwenMorrison5@gmail.com

*Gwen Morrison, Co-Editor
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FRIDAY NIGHT GRILL

The Friday Night Grill kicks off the 2010 season on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. This Year's menu will be expanded to include more salads and a variety of side dishes. There will also be a number of theme nights including Hawaiian, Mexican, Asian, Caribbean, and regional BBQ. Please look for comment cards the first few weeks to give your feedback. Please place your orders no later than the Wednesday before each Friday by logging on to rollinindoughcatering.com

ANNUAL PERCH RODEO

Saturday, June 19th

Get ready for this year's Perch Rodeo at Wilmette Harbor on June 19th. Although not the size of their Salmon brothers, the perch is a scrappy fish on light tackle & one of the best eating fish in the lake. Everyone is invited to participate in this traditional contest whether you are an old hand or just a rookie. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish & the largest catch.

After the Rodeo, all the captains & crew members will meet on the upper deck of the club for some liquid refreshments and a deep fried perch lunch prepared by our own master chef, Dick Cook.

Please call Dick Elesh, (847) 256-4346, or Marge Kominek, (847) 256-2139 to let us know you are planning to attend.



SSYC Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 9
Two seatings: 10:00am and 12:30pm
Questions? Call Barbara Perce: (847) 251-6053

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME ABOARD!

Mark and Beth Landau

A 13-year-old Mark and a friend saved lawn mowing and car washing money to buy their first boat, a 12-foot Penguin, which began his sailing career. Mark raced in high school as crew on Stars & Solings in Wilmette Harbor. After college, he started sailing and racing offshore on many boats including J35's. They became partners in Circe an Ericson 28 in Wilmette Harbor last year. Mark and Beth have a daughter Emily (14) and son Adam (11). Mark has taught them to sail on Catamarans at Northwestern Sailing, and they took lessons last year at Sheridan Shores Sailing School.



WELCOME JERI TRAUB — OUR NEW CLUB MANAGER

Effective June 1st, Jeri, the Club Manager, will be available at SSYC on the following days:

- Monday: 10am - 4pm
- Wednesday: 9am - 1pm
- Friday: 11am - 5pm
- Saturday: 10am - 4pm
- Sunday: 10am - 4pm

THE RACING CORNER

BY JOHN KENNEDY

Memorial Day weekend will kick off the racing season this year. There will be 2 races on Saturday and Sunday. Like prior years, regular weekend racing will be on alternative weekend days, with the "Attention" gun going off at 1:30. The course will stay as last year, i.e. 3/4 mile legs, and the PRO's will try to plan shorter race courses in order to get 2 races in each day.

Wednesday night racing is back! Again, we will hire one of the sailing school instructors to set the course (short) and run the starting sequence. The idea will be to get a number of short races in, to emphasize boat handling skills and tactics. "Bring Your Own Food and Beer" for dinner on the deck afterward.

Three deck parties after weekend races, sponsored by various fleets, are again on the schedule (refer to the website). We are also planning a racing seminar, with a chalk board session during the week and on-the-water drills for the weekend – please stay tuned.



★ 32ND ANNUAL ★ FISH DERBY

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2010



Reserve the date now for the 32nd Annual Fish Derby on Saturday, June 5th at Wilmette Harbor. The State of Illinois is again cooperating with the FREE fishing weekend so you don't even have to worry about buying a license. Start to line up your crew so that we can have a good turn-out of boats for the Derby & don't forget to invite some of your sailing buddies for a day of fun fishing. There will be lunch & prizes for the biggest & most fish on the upper deck of the club after the Derby. All participants can relive the exciting moments of the derby & tell tall tales about the big ones that got away.

Jim Tingey has generously agreed to provide those beautiful Catch & Release watercolor prints of your favorite fish as prizes once again this year — hip hip hooray for Jim!

Look for an application for the Derby next month. Join us in making this a great event for everyone in the harbor, so spread the word. Let's make this the best derby yet.

Illustration courtesy of Jim Tingey, Catch & Release Artwork.

THE POWER FLEET INVITES YOU TO THE FIRST ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL

Sunday, June 13th at 5:00pm

This year the Power Fleet is offering a new treat to replace our long-standing Fish Boil. As you all know it has become increasingly difficult to support our boil because of the poor Salmon catch in Lake Michigan. However, not to be discouraged, we have come up with a new entrée for the entire family that will bring one of the favorites of the old south to the shores of Lake Michigan – the Low Country Shrimp Boil.

Perfected over the years by the good folks down in Mississippi and Louisiana and enjoyed by millions, it will bring a new taste treat to SSSC. If you are worried about all those hot Cajun spices you may have heard about, no need, because your Power Fleet cooking committee has developed & tested a recipe that delivers all the great flavor without the “fire” sometimes associated with this dish. It is guaranteed to please even the most sensitive palates while preserving the character of this down home delight. Without question, you will want to keep coming back for more.

For those of you unfamiliar with a low country shrimp boil you will also find sausage and a whole variety of fresh veggies which top off the succulent shrimp.

As a special treat you will be able to end the boil with a surprise dessert brought to you straight from the Florida Keys, which we are sure will be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 13th and plan to bring the entire family to this inaugural event. Look for the reservation form with all the final details in mid-May.



SHERIDAN SHORE YACHT CLUB

Wilmette Harbor
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

SSYC DATES TO REMEMBER



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| MAY 8 | HEAVY LIFT |
| MAY 9 | MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH |
| MAY 16 | PROSPECTIVE MEMBER RECEPTION |
| MAY 22 | SAILING SCHOOL ANNUAL BENEFIT |
| MAY 28 | FRIDAY NIGHT GRILL BEGINS |
| MAY 30 | MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE |
| JUNE 5 | FISH DERBY |
| JUNE 13 | SHRIMP BOIL |
| JUNE 19 | DECK PARTY |



Log onto our website sheridanshore.com for additional club information and complete schedule.