



Tidal Currents



The Mount Desert Island Community Sailing Center Junior Program *Sun, Rain or Fog!!*

In all respects, our 2008 Junior Sailing Program was the best ever. From the organizational efforts of our new front office to both the beginner and advanced rac-



summer in a torrential down-pour after digging through all our lost and found clothes and getting the kids suited up and looking pretty funny.) But our season did have some glorious

weather days and we stayed very busy from the last week of June through the end of August. The total of juniors passing through our program was close to 200, ranging in age from 6-17. Our sailing instructor staff did a banner job this year keeping all these

Another highlight of our sum-



mer was guest coach Tom "Opti guy" Coleman who traveled up from the south to work with our Opti program for two weeks in August. We look forward to doing it all again next summer. See you then, and,

ing programs everyone seemed to agree that the new feel at MDICSC was a great experience. Despite a summer filled with foggy and rainy days, we got the kids out on the water, one way or another just about every day. As a staff member once described us, one of the really unique things about MDICSC is "It's ALL about sailing". The only days we don't get on the water is due to torrential downpours, gale force winds, or both. (We actually did sail this



young sailors safe, smiling and sailing.

Our junior racing teams placed as the top finishers of almost every regatta they attended in both the Optimist and 420 classes.

parents, please remember to pack their foul weather gear...

every day!

Have a wonderful winter season...

Director

MDI Community Sailing Center

Jim and Leza Colquhoun's Many Hours Under Sail

Jim and Leza Colquhoun of Southwest Harbor have been members at MDICSC since 2001. Since Jim began keeping a record of their sails seven years ago, they have logged 308 days of sailing totaling over 750 total sailing hours!! They are a shining example of *getting out there*, and of what is possible through being



Photograph By Sarah Corson

involved as adult members at MDI Community Sailing Center. Their favorite boat, *Huckleberry*, our 19ft Cape Dory Typhoon, is shown in this photograph heading out of the pool with Leza at the helm. Besides logging all these hours under sail, Jim and Leza both are volunteers at several non-profit organizations around Mount Desert Island. Jim has volunteered approximately 1000 hours each of these years doing boat maintenance at MDICSC.



A Big THANK YOU to all our 2008 Sailing Instructors...Great Job!!!

Susan Swift	Ian Campbell
Wells Bacon Jr	Tyler Stewart
Mary Maxwell	Alan Platner
Martha Somes	Tyler Steel
Graham Glass	McCullough Kelly Willis
Margaret Bacon	Rowan Fraley

Volunteer Adult Program Instructors

Jim Colquhoun
Hal Ford
Anne Haynes
Bill Swanson



Volunteer Instructor Hal Ford (White Cap) giving two adults a lesson.

Our Wish List

- 6 Club 420 Sailboats
- 2 70hp Outboards
- 6 Sets of new Bullseye Sails
- 1 Seven Passenger SUV
- 1 New computer
- 2 New rowboats & Oars
- Shop Tools
- Bullseye Trailer
- Waterfront Property on MDI!

MDI High School Sailing Team Wins 2008 State Champ Regatta!!

The MDI Community Sailing Center has been proud to host and support the MDI High School Sailing Team for over ten years. We are especially proud of their achievement in 2008 of winning the Maine State title at a regatta hosted by Maine Maritime in Castine. Over the past couple years, the team has been coached by Griff Fenton and has seen great support by local sailboat racers who have volunteered their time after school helping in their different areas of expertise. This very talented group of local sailors/parents under Coach Fenton's organization has really helped the sailing team "take the next step". The coed team starts in mid April and meets every day after school sailing in some pretty inhospitable weather. Everyone is now clad in marine dry suits (MDICSC now has five in its locker which are made available to youth who can not afford to buy one). The team races extensively with its nearest competitor George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill and travels to Castine and Portland Maine



frequently. This fall MDICSC is also running an after school fall sailing club for the MDI High School students. Eight sailors have practiced after school and have traveled as far as Martha's Vineyard to compete. The future of high school sailing looks strong in Maine and more than forty schools compete throughout New England. To see more about what high school sailing has to offer, please visit www.highschoolsailing.org

Become A Member Of MDI Community Sailing Center For \$25.00!

An annual membership fee of \$25.00 will help allow us to continue growing and will allow you to attend our annual meeting and have a voice in just how we do it. As a new corporation, it is very important that we expand our membership base and have participants from all of the programs..We will be sending you information on how to join in early spring 2009.

This membership is already included in the fee for 2009 Adult Boat Usage.

"The big boats get the glory...the small boats make the sailor"

From The Movie *Wind*

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Southwest Harbor Juniors Place 1st and 2nd At NSA Event

MDICSC Optimist Racing Team sailors Audyn Curless and Sam Morris with coach Martha Sommes traveled to Blue Hill and Peaks Island Maine this past summer and brought home honors of first and second place respectively. The event, which is called the Midget Regatta, is part of the Northeast Sailing Association's (NSA) annual championship series. NSA is the New England wing of US

Sailing and represents Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The Midget Regatta is for anyone under the age of fourteen and is normally sailed in a two



the first year that the Optimist was used and each club was allowed to send two boats. We are all very proud of Audyn's and Sam's accomplishment. Congratulations guys!. Stay tuned as I am sure we will see both these boys

person dinghy, allowing each club to send one team. This is

at the front of the pack at even bigger events soon.

Luders 16 On Its Way From New Orleans

A group of five Luders 16 sailboats is being purchased from members of Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. This effort is spearheaded by Tom Rolfes, the current Vice Commodore and L16 sailor with several other members of the Southwest Harbor Fleet. All five boats were damaged during hurricane Katrina and are missing their masts. Tom contacted Cuyler Morris who organized the transportation and logistics of getting the boats hauled, loaded and trucked east. Of the five boats, one has been purchased for MDICSC through donations made by several individuals totaling nearly five thousand dollars! The boats should be arriving at the Morris boatyard in Northeast Harbor sometime over the next month. Once here, MDI Community Sailing Center will be looking into creating a continued fund in order to restore its boat and make it available to juniors or adult members wanting to race in future Southwest Harbor Fleet Series and other L16 regattas during the summers. To make a contribution toward this project, please contact our office.

"If you follow you will never come in first place" MDICSC Instructor McCollough Kelly Willis



For Sale 1970 Wooden Egg Harbor Yacht \$25,000 Owned By Oceanus Institute Inc. Proceeds to Benefit MDI Community Sailing



Classroom time prior to heading out on the water

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Thank you.

To all our members, donors, volunteers, participants and staff, thank you for making our first year on our own a huge success. Glenn and his staff have done a great job in running the program and he is now helping the board plan for the future of the Sailing Center.

Over the winter the board will look at ways to strengthen the existing programs, grow the membership, make it easier for members to use the Center's boats and ensure that the Center is financially secure. Our goal is to make sailing accessible and easy for all ages and your help has, and will, make that possible.

Smooth Sailing,

Skip Strong
President
Board of Directors