

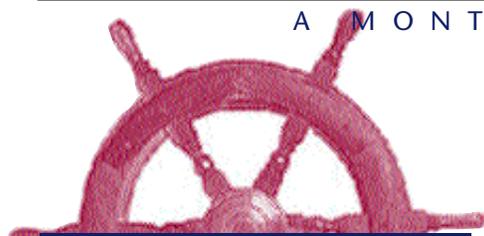
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Providence Finishes First in Division - Chicago to Mackinaw



'Latest Trick' passing Light House

From the Bridge

JPYCers,
August is upon us and we still have a bunch of fun things on the agenda. Jazz-Fest is to be held on the 14th, watch for detailed info, reservations are a must. On the 15th we will Host the Goldman Fleet in a regatta. We're looking for a committee boat, let me or Frank Wittosch know if you can help us out. On August 5th we are again hosting the Camp Kids from the Park District for a day of fishing, boat rides and hot dogs. It's always a fun day for the kids and us. It's a joint effort of the Park District, Westrec and the Yacht Clubs. Thanks to all who helped out. I'll have a complete list next issue so they can be properly acknowledged. (This is being written beforehand)

The Mac Race is history and although it was one of the slowest on record we still had a winner, Providence, skippered by Gerry and Greg Miarecki with a terrific crew. They took first in section and were third in fleet overall. Congrats to a great team!

Venetian Night was another perfect evening, beautiful weather, a full moon, and flat water. The theme for the evening was "Broadway on the Lake", and the decorated boats were creative beyond my expectations, I don't know how the judges can choose. The judges had the best van-

tage point, on the roof of the Chicago Yacht Club. I was spotting boats for them, so I too had a great view. Our last year's winner, the Olsson's Quinn Maryll scored again this year with a third place, with a "Lion King" theme and Ray Paul and his crew and Sea Scouts took first place with a theme of "Oklahoma!" with the grandly decorated St. BB. Last but not least was Tony Deters' Blow Me Away, decorated with a jazz theme and nicely done. The crowd enjoyed a very nice fireworks show afterward. It was another great event in the one of the greatest cities in the world.

We still have Commodore's Cup, stay tuned for more info, Jim Lett and his helpers are planning some great fun. The Tri-State Race happens over Labor Day weekend, and we expect to have an exciting finish again this year. Steve Haislet and his race committee are ready to provide the racers with a professionally run race again this year.

Nothing like planning ahead, so mark down January 15, 2005. That's the date of our annual Holiday party, venue to be determined, so if you have any ideas, let me know. My e-mail is d.dobbs@comcast.net

One more thing, if you're in the market for boat stuff go to our website, www.jpypc.org and click on the Sailnet ad. That will take you to the

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From the Bridge *(Continued)*

Sailnet site and you just might find what you want, and the prices are frequently lower than West Marine. Also you won't have to pay sales tax. If you purchase something the club will get a small percentage of the sale. Just remember to go to our site first. That's how they know to credit us with the sale.

Just a little heads up about things looming on the horizon. The club is going to have to replace the porch deck this fall, so keep your tools ready. We also need to paint the building siding, and windows, hopefully this fall. Two big jobs, but necessary for everyone's enjoyment of our club. The board is working with the house committee to manage the projects.

See you at the club,
David Dobbs, Commodore



The crew of "Mischief"



Chicago to Mackinaw Race Times:

Providence: Greg and Jerry Miarecki
Elapsed time: 03:13:52:14
Corrected time: 02:05:32:52

Witch Craft: Jimmy Webb
Elapsed time: 03:13:51:48
Corrected time: 02:05:32:34

Michief: Dave Travis
Elapsed time: 03:13:52:14
Corrected time: 02:05:32:52



Members,

I have a suggestion if you are in the market for gear, clothing, electronics, etc. Do the club a favor, and go to jpyc.org and then click on the link to sailnet. You may find that what you need/want to buy is cheaper on Sailnet. But the real deal is that if you link to Sailnet from our website, and buy ANYTHING, the club gets a small percentage of that sale. Hey, it's money, we'll take it.

And by the way, I got some nice interior lights on Sailnet for less than West Marine wanted, and the club got some \$.

Anatomy of a Crossing

by Jane Leuthold

8 am Jackson Park, Chicago, June 2, 2004. We had been waiting for just the right wind and weather to begin our June cruise of Lake Michigan. A light west wind and sunny skies bid us to coil our dock lines and head out of the harbor. Only a dark cloud hanging over the city suggested a possible problem. Since the winds were forecasted to veer to the north, we set our course for New Buffalo, Michigan, 90 degrees east. Our sails hung limply and we motor-sailed, awaiting the north wind.

The black cloud over the city grew, obscuring our view of the Sears Tower. Jackson Park behind us was receiving a shower. The Lake darkened and a black cat of a cloud passed overhead. The rising wind slowly shifted to the North. We trimmed our sails and shut down the engine as we passed the crib. Optimality found a balance that moved her on course, reaching speeds of 6.4 knots.

As is our usual practice, Ray and I set up half hour shifts, his is top of the hour and mine is the bottom. Clouds covered the sky, with sunlight breaking through, casting a pattern of pastels like an impressionistic painting in the round. Gradually the dark clouds took over, dropping the temperature, and sending us below for fleeces and wool socks.

For me, a crossing is an emotional

experience. I am filled with awe for this lake whose constantly changing surface speaks of eternity. My eyes constantly scan the horizon for other boats, but we are totally alone. Then a freighter appears on the horizon to port, crossing in front of us on its way to an Indiana harbor. Again we are alone.

Finally, the smokestacks at Michigan City come into view, but New Buffalo remains obscured in the haze. We check the GPS. We are still tracking 90 degrees, right on. Our ETA is about 3 hours; 94 feet of water flows beneath Optimality. I am late for my watch.

The large dunes south of Michigan City have long been in our view. Now the lake houses perched atop their unstable footing to the north of Michigan City appear and the shoreline around New Buffalo takes on definition. We start again to see birds. This, our thirteenth lake crossing, is just about over.

We enter the New Buffalo Harbor at 3 pm (4 pm EDT) and tie up in a slip at the Municipal Marina. The Harbor Master typically leaves early in the afternoon unless there is a reservation. We are able to alert her through a maintenance worker and register for the night. We record in our logbook that the crossing of 38.6 nautical miles took roughly 7 hours.

—Jane Leuthold, *Optimality*



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6400 Promontory Drive
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Flotilla Cruise
August 5-12, 2004

JazzFest / JPYC Freedom Regatta
August 14, 2004

Sail to Phil Schmidt's (Dinner)
August 21, 2004

Bennett Cup Races
August 21, 22, 2004

Ladies Skipper Race
August 29, 2004