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From the Pilot House

The Newsletter of the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters

August 2006

We are fortunate to have a weed-free and mostly algae-free lagoon in which to operate our boats on a regular basis at Middle Park in Bettendorf. In case you haven't noticed, the sun and heat of summer brings forth the growth of aquatic plants and algae bloom in many of the area's ponds. The algae at Vander Veer Park made it impossible to operate there for the July 13th Concert in the Park and the July 29th Bix Fest, but Jeff Sybil and his crew are working on the problem. We still hope to be able to run at Vander Veer on Thursday, August 10th for Concert in the Park and the Fall Festival in September.

Prospect Park in Moline is also working on reducing their algae problem in hopes that we will be able to sail there on Saturday, August 19th for the Park Re-Dedication. We are also in conversation with Justin Brandt of the Parks and Recreation Dept. on resolving the issue of access to the water for launching our boats. It sounds like we will need to put together a temporary dock for that event.

Please keep all these events on your calendar. If we have to cancel out on any of them we will let you know. Of course, we always have our regular Saturday sessions "at the lagoon from ten to noon!"



**Fred Lorscheider's Caito Brothers #1 California Fishing Boat
on its maiden voyage.**

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Water Hazards:

No body of water is without its hazards to navigation. Any pond where fishing takes place is likely to have snagged and discarded fish line in the water, just waiting to foul your propeller, paddle wheel, rudder or keel. At Middle Park Lagoon there are often fish lines hanging from the overhead power line, and oftentimes they reach down to (and into) the water. Before setting sail below this power line, check carefully from several vantage points to be sure there are no lines hanging in the water. Otherwise you may be looking for a way to retrieve a snagged boat that is dead in the water. And if you're snagged on a fish line, another RC boat may not be able to free your boat. Caution is always in order in the rescuing process, too, because where there is fish line there are often fish hooks.



**Model of Jacques Cousteau's Calypso by Byron
Baxter and Fred Lorscheider's Caito Brothers Tug)**

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Reminder of Upcoming Dates:

Aug. 10 (Thur) Concert in the Park: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Vander Veer Park, Davenport

Aug. 19 (Sat) Park Re-Dedication, Prospect Park, Moline.
Arrive 12:30: for 1:00 – 3:00 PM run. (*See directions below.*)

Aug. 26 (Sat) MBMB Regatta: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf

Sept. 17 (Sun.) Fall Festival: 12 noon – 2:00 PM
Vander Veer Park, Davenport

Sept. 24 (Sun.) MBMB Picnic: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Dave and Deb Krohn's in Durant

Directions to Prospect Park in Moline:

(From Iowa: take I-74 across the Mississippi.)

Turn right (West) onto John Deere Expressway (Highway 5)

Southpark will be on your left.

Turn right onto 16th Street.

Turn left onto Heartland Rd (38th Avenue), then be ready to turn right quickly (at the first opportunity) onto 35th Avenue. Follow the curve of the road for about a block or so past Grace Bible Fellowship, then you'll see a small blue sign for Prospect Park on your right. Turn right into the entrance to the parking lot.

There may or may not be parking spaces available for us at Prospect Park that day. If not, we will need to unload our boats and then park on a neighboring street.

We will set up our tents and tables at the end of the pond nearest the parking lot (South end) where the ground is relatively level. We will launch and retrieve from a wooden dock which we will install. Once your boat is in the water, please stand elsewhere along the shore to give other captains access to the dock for launching and retrieval.

For Sale: MRP Voyager sailboat with beatGEAR 2 channel radio and Hobbico metal gear servo. Call Dick Smith: 563-355-8832.

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George Turnquist's Creole Queen renamed: Phyllis Ann.

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4th Annual MBMB Regatta:

Date: August 26, 2006
Time: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Place: Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf.

WE NEED YOU! We need every member to be involved in this event, either as a participant, judge, to sign up for a turn at the transmitter impound and to help with either setup or cleanup. Our schedule of events will be the same as in past years:

8:30 - 10:00 AM Registration

Morning: Propeller (or Paddlewheel) Events:

9:00: Predicted Log
10:00: Precision Steering
11:00: Conning
12:00: Presentation of Awards

(Lunch will be available for purchase on site
from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.)

Afternoon: Sailboat Races:

1:00: Less than 1M (Open class + handicap)
2:00: 1M - 1M +
3:00: Soling
4:00: Presentation of Sailing Awards & Door Prizes

We hope you can plan to spend as much of the day there as possible. Board members will be asking each of you to sign up for a spot on the schedule and for set up at 7:00 AM or take down at 4:00 PM.

2 registration forms are included in this newsletter. Fill out one or both and return to: **Matt Engebretson, 5510 Hillside Ct, Davenport, IA 52806.** You will notice that there is a monetary incentive to register by Aug. 1st. Save yourself some money.

Fair winds and following seas,
Steve Ebel, Secretary

P.S. Notice the new item on our 2006 Summer--Fall Calendar: by popular demand we have scheduled our fall picnic again at Dave and Deb's in Durant. There will be more information later, but be sure to put September 24 (Sunday: 2:00 – 4:00 PM) on your calendar now, so you won't forget.

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