

Planning Already Underway for 100th Race in 2008

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positions, many boats are also equipped with transponders that relay GPS information via satellite every hour. All boats are required to call in to race headquarters as they pass under the Mackinac Bridge, six miles from the finish. The transponders are provided by Flagstaff Integration Services, which updates all of its information from servers in Chicago.

Fitting 300 boats into Mackinac's marina, which is designed to accommodate 76 boats, are an organizational challenge. Sailors must radio in as they approach the finish, and based on their order of arrival, they are placed in a queue and then directed to an open spot or a place to raft to another boat. Docking is further complicated by shallow water in some areas of the harbor, which can ground the deep-drafted sailboats.

Lloyd Karzen, the 2006 Island Coordinator for the Race to Mackinac Committee and a former committee chairman, said that the Chicago Yacht Club coordinates the use of the harbor with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which operates the marina, and that all the boats must be out of the harbor by noon Wednesday, July 26.

As for the race, predictions kept expectations for an unusually fast race out of consideration.

"It's not a record breaker," Mr. Karzen said, "it's a good race, a good speed for the larger boats."

Two year ago, he recalled, 92 boats dropped out of the race because of lack of wind.

The sailors who docked to a cheering finish said that the race was challenging, with many varied conditions, despite some rain squalls that moved in on Monday morning. The crew of *Mirage*, a 68-foot Great Lakes 70 out of Chicago, said they saw rain and fickle winds throughout the race, and that until Point Betsie, light winds prevailed. After that, good

winds and some rain pushed them north, though the wind died at the bridge and they drifted to the finish.

Mirage sailed with a crew that included five Goats, and six Woodworth family members, including skipper Douglas Woodworth. It was fifth to cross the line and finished second in its GL70 section with a corrected time of 47:13.

Pete Reichelsdorfer, the skipper of *Evolution* from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, said that the race had some unique wind situations. As an old goat, Mr. Reichelsdorfer has sailed in 41 Chicago to Mackinac races.

"It was an interesting race," he said. "Thirty hours of upwind work - that's a little unusual. We had northerly winds and then we had rain squalls. It's been another good race."

While *Evolution* was first to cross the finish in its section, she took sixth with a corrected time of 47:37:29.

The 2008 race will be the regatta's 100th running, a benchmark that already has the race committee preparing for the event.

"We're in planning stages right now for 2008," Mr. Karzen said, but suggested that there will be an effort to include more international boats to add a new dimension to the race.

The cooperation with Islanders, including Mayor Margaret Doud, is essential to the success of the race, he noted. Race Committee members always stay at Ms. Doud's Windermere Hotel, he added, and race headquarters and press tent are set up at Windermere Point from the Friday before the race until its end.

The Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac has been a sailing tradition since 1898, and draws hundreds of yachts from both U.S. and international ports each year. The awards ceremony was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, on the lawn of the Mackinac Island Yacht Club.



Tom Neill, owner of *Nitemare*, accepts the pennant for first in the GL70 section from Chicago Yacht Club Commodore David Daul at the awards ceremony for the 2006 Chicago-to-Mackinac race.



From left: Sandy Williams, Ned Turney, crewmembers Mike Woodworth, Dan Woodworth, Matt Woodworth, and Mark Landwer, and Maggie Shea on *Mirage*, which took second place in the GL 70 Class. Not pictured are skipper Rick Woodworth and crewmembers Bill Dooley, Eric Joost, Jim Armstrong, Tyler Woodworth, Steven Sickler, Brian Giegerich, and Jon Flusser.

Nature Programs Set Each Week for Tahquamenon Falls State Park

Daily nature programs are planned at Tahquamenon Falls State Park in Chippewa County.

Saturday, August 5, the park will hold Smokey Bear Day, featuring activities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Lower Falls day use area. Representatives from the Department of Natural Resources' Fisheries and Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management divisions will be on hand, along with "Smokey the Bear."

The weekly slate of nature programs includes:

- Sundays: Rivermouth Walk at the Rivermouth Campground Amphitheater at 4 p.m. At dusk, a campfire and astronomy session will take place in the Lower Falls Picnic Area.

- Mondays: At dusk, there will be a program on Tahquamenon's Treasures in the Lower Falls Amphitheater.

- Tuesdays: A bear den hike will take place at 7 p.m. Participants should meet at the Lower Falls Campground office and carpool to the location.

- Wednesdays: Birds, Beaks, and Binoculars will start at 7 p.m. at the

Rivermouth Campground Amphitheater.

- Thursdays: There will be a river hunt at 7 p.m. in the Lower Falls picnic area.

- Fridays: Bogs, Frogs, and Pollywogs at 7 p.m. Participants should meet at the Lower Falls campground office to carpool to the location. At dusk, there will be a Watchable Wildlife program at the Lower Falls Amphitheater.

- Saturdays: A program called Leave It to Beaver will start at 7 p.m. in the Lower Falls Picnic Area. After dark, there will be a program called Creatures of the Night, offered in the same place.

Visitors may check display boards at the park for information, or call (906) 492-3415. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent. Programs are free, but a Michigan motor vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Costs are \$24 for an annual permit for Michigan residents and \$6 for a daily permit. Non-resident permits are \$29 for an annual pass and \$8 for the day.

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Benefit To Preserve DeTour Reef Light Successful

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) held its seventh annual "Evening Under the Stars" benefit Saturday, July 8. The event generated funds to preserve the historic DeTour Reef lighthouse. Seventy-eight guests attended the event. DRLPS gave awards and acknowledged major contributors to the preservation project.

Cliff Haley, director, legal advisor, and grant program chairman for DRLPS, was presented with the Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution Award for his work on the project.

"It's a real pleasure to be able to give back," Mr. Haley said. "We need to preserve our history to ensure our future."

The lighthouse stands 83 feet above the water, one mile offshore in northern Lake Huron, between DeTour Village and Drummond Island.

It is a steel-framed tower marking a dangerous reef that once helped guide ship traffic to and from Lake Huron and Lake Superior via the St. Marys River.

The lighthouse was automated in 1974. In 1997, it was declared

surplus property by the U.S. Coast Guard, owing to sophisticated navigational systems aboard ships.

In 1998, local residents formed DRLPS to preserve the lighthouse. Since then, volunteers have worked to build the membership-based group and acquire donations and grant funding for educational and restoration programs to preserve the historic structure.

DRLPs completed major interior and exterior restoration in 2004

and began public tours in July, 2005.

At the 2006 "Evening Under the Stars" benefit, Debbie Fogell and Robert Johnson, members of the group "Generations," provided entertainment.

Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 7, 2007. DRLPS members are seeking silent auction donations. Interested parties can contact Joyce Buckley at (906) 493-5725.

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Christopher J. Gunnell, MD has joined the staff of Thunder Bay Community Health Service, Inc. as of July 10, 2006. Dr. Gunnell is a Family Practice Physician with 15 years experience in health care. He received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina, and did his residency training at Family Practice Residency in Kalamazoo. Dr. Gunnell was most recently employed by Mackinac Straits Hospital & Health Care in St. Ignace. Dr. Gunnell enjoys water sports, martial arts, songwriting, reading and writing.

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