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From the Director's Desk

BMC is such a multi-faceted place that a newsletter would have to be a monthly rather than a quarterly to keep up with everything that is going on. The library and offices on the second floor are being transformed through the work being done by Ron Regan. It has become a bright and cheerful place with heat and light thanks to Tom Nowak.

New windows are slated for a mid-January installation to replace the sheets of Lucite used to close off the windows destroyed by vandals prior to BMC occupancy. To set off the restored walls, Walt Manalio and Paul Marquart have purchased the paint and millwork to apply their distinctive classic finishing trim and surface treatment design.

Bill Nordstrom, Dave Esro, and Tina Doud are working to organize and catalog the multiple collections of books, boat plans and periodicals currently sitting in boxes upstairs. Dick Weisen is doing some ground work with the Buffalo Yacht Club to expand the BMC library's resources to become an archive for more historic records and documents. These records are the raw material for historic research about our maritime heritage in Western New York. The recent acquisition of the complete run of bound copies of Rudder Magazine purchased by Dick, John Montague and other BMC friends will add to our library's resources.

Eileen Flaherty is working with our new grant writer to secure funds necessary to furnish the library with shelving and safe storage equipment to complete the project.

Brian Terziak has done his own bit of dirty work alongside Ron in the loft area. The cleanup of the area began with BMC's own Sea Scout Ship #1 crew working with Tony Anderson and Tom Nowak (and families!). The Ship's crew packed and boxed a near ton of old cardboard packing boxes into a compact mass that will shortly be going off to the recycler. Brian and Ron have let in tons of natural light by opening up several windows boarded up since the mid-seventies.

Outside trim has been installed by Walt Manalio and Paul Maquart. Brian and Ron teamed up again to remove badly built partitions that closed off two rooms where old heating plants and a rusty dinosaur vacuum system were housed. Old ductwork and water pipes were cleaned out and Brian has undertaken the deconstruction of the hydraulic reservoir tank that squats in the middle of that section of the loft. Brian also vacuumed the floor and if you saw the place just a couple of months ago you would understand why that deserves such special mention. It was one messy job. Ron has brought the work up to date by checking out and reenergizing the light

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VOLUNTEER!

There are many ways to get involved at the Buffalo Maritime Center that can enhance your maritime experience. If you have an interest but no experience, not to worry because the Center's crew can show you around, advise and teach you many boat building skills. The Buffalo Maritime Center is a nonprofit entity, so volunteers are always needed. There are many opportunities for you to volunteer. Some of the areas that we need help in are:

1. Assisting with boat building projects
2. Mentoring students
3. Assisting with building renovation and maintenance
4. "On the water activities" – crewing, captaining or helping to move boats
5. Providing clerical and office help
6. Helping with the ship's store
7. Organizing the library and the historical artifacts collection
8. Helping with Special Events
9. Assisting with fund raising activities.

If you are interested in preserving Buffalo's Maritime history and would like to contribute some time (days, weekends, evenings) or get involved, contact Roger at 881.0111 for more information. Become an active member!

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system and its switches and restoring the doorway and door that originally provided entryway to the space. Ron has also saved us hundreds of dollars of dumpster fees by personally carrying out hundreds of pounds of crud on his clothes and person while he did this amazing work.

Those of you present when we made our first forays into the chaos that was 90 Arthur St. can only smile in appreciation, as well as being amazed at the progress.

Czarnecki Dedication

On October 29th, in recognition of the generosity and community spirit of President **Mark Czarnecki** and **M&T Bank**, our Hand to Hand workshop room was officially designated the "**Mark Czarnecki Hand to Hand Learning Center.**" In honor of the event, a metal plaque, now prominently installed on the room's north wall, was executed and donated by Wayne and Pat Mertz. It was thanks to Mark Czarnecki's leadership and M&T's dedication to improving the community that M&T transferred to the



Buffalo Maritime Center the 27,000 sq. ft. building we now occupy.

Boatbuilding Tips... Story Poles & Tick Strips

Boats by design are curvy. Lacking straight lines and parallel surfaces like the plywood materials used in boat building, they present problems for the builder who is trying to make tight fits on the curvy planes. One method serious boat builders use to solve this dilemma is through "one to one" measuring using tick strips. Tick strips are thin wooden strips, approximately an eighth inch or thinner, if possible, cut off the edge of a piece of scrap board.

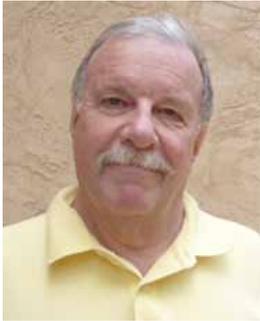
To measure with a tick strip, the strip of wood is held up so that one of its edges or surfaces touches the two surfaces between which another board is to be fitted. Two small "tick" marks are registered on the tick strip with a very sharp pencil or knife where those surfaces touch giving a precise length for the stock that needs to be cut. This eliminates having to remember a series of numbers and fractions. And the thin strips can be bent around a curved surface to accurately pick up the dimensions.

The transfer of a measurement from the tick strip is simple. Lay the tick strip on the stock

and the pencil, or knife, makes a new tick mark next to the original right on the stock itself. It is a one to one transfer of information allowing little room for error.

Two tick strips can also be used to pick up an inside measurement, such as the inside dimensions of a box, for example. Two tick strips that are each shorter than the inside dimension to be picked up are held with their flat surfaces together and their edges parallel. They are lowered into the box and each is slid out keeping their edges parallel until one end of each stick is touching a surface of the box opposite to the end of its partner. Generally a tick mark is made at the end of one of the sticks on the surface of its partner where they overlap so that the two sticks can be reassembled if they should slip while being moved. Using two tick strips in this fashion is called making a "story pole" and again it is a way of getting an accurate measurement without needing to have a good memory or to find your bifocals for seeing a thirty second of an inch.

A Very Special Thank You



At the December 8th meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board presented retiring Trustee **Gary Kresser** with a limited edition print of the No Man's Land Ketch "**O.K. Clark**" in appreciation of Gary's leadership, not only in the restoration of the Clark, but his commitment, energy, and continuing work in the development and implementation of the Center's **Hand to Hand Program**. The award recognizes Gary as one of the Center's most valuable assets - a dedicated volunteer and a key figure in shaping the Center's future. From the Board and the Membership a giant THANK YOU!



BMC Welcomes Two New Members to the Board of Trustees



The Buffalo Maritime Center is delighted to welcome Joe Koessler (left) and Tom Leed (right) to the Board of Trustees. Both have deep roots in the community and a real commitment to our mission.

Joe, a native of Hamburg, is a graduate of Canisius High School, Holy Cross, and Northwestern University's Kellogg Business School. When not boatbuilding, he serves as Honorary Consul of Japan, and works as a management consultant in Japan and South America.

Tom was raised in Buffalo and graduated from the Park School and Bethany College. He has served on the Park School's Board of Trustees and presently sits on the Park School Foundation Board. Tom was President of Leed Steel Company and Buffalo Precision Products until his retirement and the sale of both companies. Tom enjoys sailing, is a member of the Buffalo Canoe Club and an energetic, creative teacher in BMC's youth programs with the Buffalo Maritime Charter School.

Joe and Tom are both regulars at the boat shop so you'll meet them soon if you haven't already.

Blue Gavel Boater of the Year

The mission of the International Order of the Blue Gavel is to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs.

The Order of the Blue Gavel has decided to recognize Frank White, posthumously, as the Blue Gavel Boater of the Year.

Frank was a member at the Buffalo Maritime Center, the Buffalo Yacht Club and served twice

as Commodore for the Niagara Sailing Club. He was a long time member of the Buffalo Maritime Center. Frank designed, built, owned, raced and cruised many sailboats throughout his life. He built the Maritime Center's electric Launch boat, known as the "White" Electra. Commodore White and his wife Joan were well known among sailors on the Niagara River, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario.

Frank was 88 when he passed away in 2012.

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BMC's SHIP STORE

- T-Shirts** \$15/\$20
Adults and Youth
- Sweatshirts** \$20
- Polo Shirts**..... \$30
- Burgees**..... \$20
- Coffee Mugs** \$10
- Hats**..... \$20

*All items have BMC logo
and proceeds go toward boat
building education programs!*

Contact Lou at the Center.

Boats For Sale

The BMC has many small boats, restored to original condition, for sale. Each month we will feature a few of these priceless gems and invite you to stop into the center or contact: John Tracy at (716) 864-9317.

FEATURED THIS MONTH...



18' Chesapeake Light Craft "Sharpie"

\$2,000, includes sails, rig and trailer.
Wooden construction, in excellent condition.



Two 6-Hour Canoes

\$150 firm. New, unpainted.

15' Peterborough Cruiser with Trailer

\$500 – Needs some TLC.
A fun project for the handyman.



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