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For the summer issue I wanted to highlight the thrill, adventure and joy of being on the water. We spend so much time working to enhance and advocate for this wonderful resource that flows through our lives, we need also to make sure that we carve out the time to revel in all the gifts that it has to offer.

The Fox River is waiting for you....Enjoy!

Candice Montara,

President, Friends of the Fox



What makes a river so restful to people is that it doesn't have any doubt.....it is sure to get where it is going....it doesn't want to go anywhere else.

Hal Boyle

Thrill of Sailing



boat relates to its environment in terms of everything from the wind to the weather. This is why learning how to sail can be so fulfilling and can foster such a sense of accomplishment.

Learning how to sail doesn't have to be complicated, especially if you invest in a simple sailing course and start out learning on a small sailboat. One of the first things we'd recommend is for anyone looking to learn how to sail is that they check out beginner sailing schools in their area.

Opportunities to learn to sail in the Fox River area:

www.fdlisail.com (Fond du Lac)

www.foxvalleysailingschool.org (Neenah)

www.oshkoshyachtclub.org (Oshkosh)

info@paddlepowerandsaillakewinnebago.org (Fond du Lac Area)

Sailing aficionados often say that sailing is more than a sport—it's a lifestyle.

To be a competent sailor, you need three basic skills:

- **You must be able to tell which way the wind's blowing.** This is tricky at first for some people, but soon becomes second nature. And sailboats have gadgets to help you: there's a wind vane at the top of the mast and ribbons or yarns ("telltales") tied in the rigging that

show wind direction; even skilled sailors refer to these aids constantly.

- **You must be able to steer accurately.** This takes most folks about five minutes to learn. But you can't trim (adjust) your sails properly unless you can steer a straight line.
- **You must learn to recognize when a sail is properly trimmed.** With the boat sailing in a straight line, simply ease the "sheet" (the line that controls the sail) until the leading edge of the sail (the "luff") starts to flutter slightly in and out. Pull the sheet in just enough for the fluttering to stop, and the sail is trimmed. If you change direction, re-trim the sail; expert sailors fiddle with trim all the time.

The opportunities for sailing on the Fox River and the Winnebago Pool Lakes are many. Most beginners shove off on their own after just a few days of lessons. Once you're sailing, you'll wonder why you waited so long to learn.

Sail On

On a warm day, the blue flowing Fox River can look mighty inviting. If you don't own a boat and want to get into the water, Lake Winnebago Sailing Charters (920-540-3536) offers sailing cruises from the Menasha Marina.



Sailing

Adventure Of Paddling



Some people paddle for the sheer excitement and thrill that it brings. Others do it for the serenity.

Still others are motivated simply through their love of floating just inches above the surface of the water. Whatever the reason a

2010 is following the Fox River, covering most of the 189 mile length of the river from Portage to Green Bay. The voyage started April 24th with the first 3 segments having a total of over 100 participants. Ten segments, ranging from 8 to 15 miles in length, are scheduled between June 12th and August 14th. These gatherings are a way for kayakers, canoeists and stand up

The Fox River is waiting for you to enjoy floating past its urban landscapes, farm fields, wetlands, and varied wildlife to include sand hill cranes, blue heron and bald eagles.

Come join the adventure!



person finds their passion at the helm of



their kayak or canoe, there are many benefits.

Strength training, flexibility, aerobic workout and stress reduction are health benefits enhanced by this sport. Additionally comes the camaraderie that these boaters share as a result of being a part of this special group of outdoor enthusiasts known as paddlers.

There is perhaps no better way to celebrate that kinship than by taking part in a paddling event. Kayaking and canoeing events are held locally. This season Friends of the Fox and North East Wisconsin Paddlers are sponsoring the Fox River Heritage Paddle 2010. The Fox River Heritage Paddle



paddling (requiring just a paddle and a board - offers fun on flat water, waves, and rivers) to get together and share in the sport they all cherish....Paddling.

But if a structured paddle is not for you it is possible to learn the skills and the safety measures on your own. But please when you venture out, do so with a buddy in order to assure safety.

Check out these Websites for More Paddling Information and Events:

www.paddling.net

www.americancanoe.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOX RIVER HERITAGE PADDLE 2010:

www.friendsofthefox.org

Tab: Upcoming Events

OR CALL US AT 920-707-2065

Or visit:

www.wisconsinpaddlers.org



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Thank you all for your great shutter shots!

Joy Of Motor Boating

Today there is a wide variety of motor-powered boats to choose from. They come in all shapes and sizes, and are intended for different conditions and uses. Fishermen and duck hunters, for example, have quite different needs than water skiers or those who like to race their boats.

According to www.boatbuilders.us -- as is true with many things, the motorboat has evolved over the years as knowledge and technology have increased. While wood was at one time the staple material used, and remains the favorite of some, modern composites are now a popular choice. Woven materials like carbon and Kevlar, specialty core materials, and advanced epoxy and polyester resin systems mean that hulls can be built both lighter and stronger.

The evolution of the powerboat came about due to the efforts and ingenuity of many people, each building upon the advances of those that came before. Some of the major advances were made by the following four men.

Rudolf Diesel is best known for inventing a 25-horsepower, four-stroke, single vertical compression engine. The diesel engine was introduced in 1903, and was an immediate commercial success.

Christopher Smith contributed to the world of powerboat racing when he designed a hydroplane-stepped hull that led to a series of specialty race boats built by the Smith-Ryan Boat & Exchange Company. Smith also designed the Miss Minneapolis, which broke the 60-mile-per-hour speed barrier in 1916 — the first boat to do so. Eventually beginning the Chris Craft company in 1922, Smith was the first to apply the concept of mass-production to boat building.

The person who invented the water jet propulsion system is William Hamilton. The first system, which was introduced in 1954, was made up of a vertical-shaft centrifugal unit driven through a right-angle gearbox. This development not only added speed to powerboats, it also added incredible directional stability.

One of the most important contributions came in the form of the deep v-shaped hull, which offers speed, comfort, and

safety in rough waters. The deep-v hull was conceived in 1963 by Charles Raymond Hunt, who's other contributions to the powerboat industry include designing the 110 and 210 flat-bottomed double-ended powerboats, some of the first to incorporate marine plywood.

These and countless other inventive ideas have allowed boating to be what it is today. The possibilities are endless and allow us to experience the wonderful waterways we have in the area as our highway, our playground, our escape. The water seems to have the ability, especially when coupled with the breeze that comes from power boating, to erase the worries and responsibilities from our minds for a time ... a much needed respite.

There are so many ways to experience the water. If you are new to motor boating and would like some guidance, please contact any of the local marinas, boat clubs or the Friends of the Fox. Any of these organizations will be happy to guide you to a way for you to learn about the waterways, the necessary safety precautions, and the joys of boating.

Please check out our local marinas and clubs listed on our website. www.friendsofthefox.org

Tab: River Navigation Link: Experience the Fox!

We have listed the web links for each establishment .

Appleton Yacht Club	Bayshore Marina
Brothertown Harbor	Calumet County Park Harbor
City of Menasha Marina	Fox River Runners
Green Bay Yacht Club	Fond Du Lac Yacht Club
High Cliff Marina	Lakeside Marina
OYC	Lakeside Park
Menasha Marina	Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club
Oshkosh Yacht Club	Party Doll Fleet
Pioneer Marina	RiverPlace Yacht Club
South Bay Marina	South Side Ice Yacht Club
Spellman's Marina	Stockbridge Harbor
Sweetwater Marina	Wisconsin Paddlers

Or please feel free to contact Dave Peck for more Information at 920-707-2065

or Email him at pennon59@yahoo.com



2010 Annual Meeting

Board Re-Election and Thank-You

Friends of the Fox would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who contributed to our 2010 "Making It Happen" Annual Meeting. The event was well attended and was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We all enjoyed the incredible power point presentation given to us by Tom Baron of *East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission* highlighting accomplishments from 2009, as well as goals for 2010. We would like to thank Tom for his contribution to the evening. It was an informative evening and illustrated quite well that the 2010 projects and partnerships will "Make It Happen".

Board elections were held and the following members were re-elected for a three year term:

Jack Nelson Dave Peck Dan Reinhold

We welcome you back!

Tom Baron was introduced and welcomed as the newest board member of FOF. We presented Jackson

Medley with a plaque thanking him for his many years of diligent service to FOF. Thank you Jackson!

The meeting was adjourned and a raffle of items related to the river culminated the evening.

Friends of the Fox would like to thank everyone who participated in the special evening. FOF is in partnership with our Friends (representing cities located on and around the Fox River), along with private enterprise. We thank you for your time, effort, support and displays.

We are very thankful for our generous benefactors, donors and friends. Without them our organization would not be capable of providing opportunities to fund special projects relating to establishing a Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS BENEFACTORS, DONORS AND FRIENDS!

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Navigational Systems Authority

Tim Potter, & Jean Buren - The Appleton Yacht Club

Dave Peck - FOF Board Member and Upper Fox River Co-coordinator

Jim Young - Fit Body Solutions

Glen Gorsuch and Jerry Disterhaft - Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe LLD

GIFT CERTIFICATES

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Atlas Café and Coffee Mill Boutique

Readers Restaurant Group

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FOR THEIR HELP IN "MAKING IT HAPPEN!"

OUR SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

Diane Schback

Marliyn Orverdahl

Mary and Dennis Hultgren

Tom Konetzke

ALSO A DEEP GRATITUDE TO:

Catherine Johanness & Tim Lemons - Pullman's at Trolley Square

Brunhilde Courtney - FOF Coordinator of Annual Meeting

Candice Mortara - President FOF

Shari Manney - Newsletter, Website & Posters

Thanks to everyone who contributed items to make the raffle a success! We couldn't have done it without you!



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Our Mission and Purpose

The Friends of the Fox is a not-for-profit advocacy group established to preserve and develop the environmental, cultural, historical, economic and quality-of-life assets offered by the Fox River.

Warm Welcome to Friends of the Fox Newest Members

If you are receiving this
newsletter and are not a member,
Please consider joining.
www.friendsofthefox.org
Or call: 920-707-2065

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Thank You

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BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY \$4185.00 HAS BEEN COLLECTED.

In short, every dollar you contributed has generated a three dollar match. We have until July 31 to reach the \$350,000 goal in order to capture the \$1,000,000 Government Match. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING NOW before the July 31st Deadline!