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# The Michigander

"Family Fun Through Camping In Michigan"

Celebrating

**MSA 51 Years  
and Traveling On**

1965 - 2016



## Campout Announcements

**2016 - July 25-29**, Campvention, Shawnee, Expo Center, OK, 40 miles SE of Oklahoma City, early days, July 16 & 17, a rodeo precedes Campvention.

May 20-22, 2016 - *Voyage on the Great Lakes* - MSA 50<sup>th</sup> State Spring Campout - Early arrivals welcome beginning Thursday Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, 115 South Broad Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242  
Camping fee is \$15 per night.

April 22-24; Southeast District, Davisburg

April 22-24; Tails-a-Wagon Campout, Frankenmuth

April 29-May 1; Blue Water MINI Mixer, Port Huron

May 20-22, 2016; MSA State Spring Campout, Hillsdale

June 10-12; Northern District, Gladwin

July 25-29, 2016; Campvention, Shawnee, OK

August 5-7, 2016; Great Lakes Regional, Hillsdale

(Early arrivals start Sunday, July 31)

September 6-10; Michigan Retiree Rally, St. Louis

September 16-18, 2016; MSA State Fall Campout, Charlevoix

September 23-25; Blue Water Mixer; Imlay City

October 7-9; Halloween Campout; Hudsonville

November 5, 2016; MSA Delegate Meeting, Burton

Please support the many activities scheduled in 2016.

## Awards

Remember to send in your nominations for the Family of the Year and the Jonsey Award. Nominations are due by June 1st.

To nominate someone for Family of the Year, send a letter listing the family name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, community involvement, and anything else you may think is relevant.

To nominate a teen for the Jonsey Award, send a letter including the teen name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, school involvement, community involvement, and anything else you feel is relevant.

Please mail your nominations to:

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner

502 Andres St., Chesaning, MI 48616

Or e-mail them to [jkvanw@centurytel.net](mailto:jkvanw@centurytel.net).

Thank you.

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner,

Awards Committee

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## **News from the MSA President**

Happy new year to all; I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and is looking forward to the 2016 camping season. There was further discussion at the November MSA meeting on two proposals that I had communicated to our membership through past articles in the Michigander.

As communicated in the last three issues of the Michigander, and due to the light turnout at the past two February MSA delegate meetings, a proposal was suggested to eliminate the February meeting due to continued low attendance. After further discussion by those in attendance on the subject, the motion was made to move the February delegate's meeting to the Spring campout; the general membership meeting currently held at the Spring campout would then be moved to the Fall campout. Upon a vote of the delegates, the motion passed.

Also at the November MSA meeting, feedback was given regarding the combined Youth and Teen royalty pageants. After further conversation and comments of both disapproval and support of the proposed change, the motion was made before the delegates, voted on, and passed; the royalty pageants will be held at State Fall campouts, and the Teenie portion of the pageant will return for 2016. The Spring and Fall campouts for 2016 are set; Hillsdale (May) & Charlevoix (September).

I look forward to the warming of the springtime and knowing the camping season will be near. Hope to see everyone in the spring and stop by to say hello.

Dave Mull, MSA President

**Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations  
(Word preferred) to me by email:**

**[Michigander@mifcrv.org](mailto:Michigander@mifcrv.org)**

## **BLUE WATER DISTRICT NEWS**

For those that have not been informed the Blue Water District now has 2 Mixers a year. The "Blue Water MINI Mixer" is April 29 – May 1, 2016 at the Port Huron Twp. Park on Water Street, Port Huron, MI; and the Blue Water Mixer is still at the Fairgrounds in Imlay City, MI September 23-25, 2016.

## **NOTICE!**

The February delegate meeting has been moved to the State Spring campout; the general membership meeting has been moved to the State Fall campout.

### **Michigander DEADLINE DATES**

**DEADLINES** for submitting articles to the Michigander are:

**December 10** for the January issue

**March 10** for the April issue

**Friday after State Spring** for the July issue

**Friday after State Fall** for the October issue

You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to: [michigander@mifcrv.org](mailto:michigander@mifcrv.org).

## STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS



Another great camping season has ended and 2016 will again be a busy year.

We will be hosting the 2016 State Spring Campout in Hillsdale. If there is anything you could help us with, please let us know. This campout will give us an opportunity to see what there is to see and do in Hillsdale County in preparation for the Great Lakes Regional being held in Hillsdale in

August as it is Michigan's turn to host.

At the November Regional State Director Meeting, we began to assign activity chairpersons to Campvention 2017 which is being hosted by our Great Lakes Region. If you have volunteered to chair an activity, we will be contacting you soon with your budget and list of duties. We are excited to be involved in the 2017 Campvention!

The Trustees have agreed to continue the Cadet Membership Program another year. Retention rate continues to be greater than 50 percent. Michigan has at least five new Cadet Members who will be submitted in March for the 2016 camping season. Please continue to support this successful membership program by inviting a new family to a Michigan campout. Once we get them to a campout, they get hooked!

There are several national program director vacancies in Michigan. If you can chair one of these programs, please let us know. Our state campouts have been absent of some of these programs that we would like to see return.

We would like to announce the newest members of our field staff, Ron and Ida O'Dell. We are excited to have them join our staff as they are very supportive of the many activities and programs in Michigan and have a lot of great ideas.

As a reminder each district director, MSA President and us have a Come Camp With Us Banner. We were provided one by the FCRV Trustees. Please contact any one of us if your chapter would like to display this banner at your chapter campouts. Your chapter can purchase the banner by contacting the national office. The banner cost is \$60.

If you are 20 years old you may qualify for a free FCRV membership. Please contact us for further details. This is an annual honorary membership so you must contact us every year as long as you qualify for this membership.

Remember all Michigan Scholarship applicants must be a FCRV Member in good standing.

Field director annual commitments are now due. If you have not completed your commitment for 2016, please let us know via email if you will continue in that capacity. We are always looking for additional field staff... let us know if you are interested.

Please forward your list of 2016 chapter officers to us at your earliest convenience as well as your 2016 camping schedule as soon as it is set. Chapter presidents contact information will be posted in the April edition of *The Michigander*. We would also like your chapter president contact email address and phone number so we can forward potential members to your chapter. If you would like the additional information posted in *The Michigander*, please include it when you send us your information.

We recommend an annual review of your chapter's constitution and by-laws making sure you are doing what those documents say and in accordance with FCRV. We can provide a review document that lists the FCRV requirements for each of these documents as well as the documents held by national. We have found discrepancies so let us know if you want to review the copies national has for your chapter.

Let us know if there is anything we can help you or your chapter with and thank you for your commitment to FCRV in Michigan.

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors [mifcrv@mifcrv.org](mailto:mifcrv@mifcrv.org)

### Tails-a-Wagon Campout

Great News! Mark your calendars for our first campout 2016.....April 22-24

April's Campout will be back at the Yogi Bear Park in Frankenmuth. They are offering us the same deal as they have in the past, which is..... \$30.00/night if paid in FULL by January 25th using one check. Sooooooooooooo.....

Checks need to be written to TAW and mailed to:

Sue Smoger  
33736 Roselawn  
Chesterfield, MI 48047

I need to receive the checks by Monday, January 25th so I can send them to Travis and Carrie so one check can be written from the club. Checks received after this date will be returned.

This is an awesome campout and offers something for everyone. Matt and I hope to see you there!



### With Deepest Sympathy

Sharron Irene Wolfe (Krutsch) was born December 24, 1942 and was guided home to heaven into our Father's loving arms December 30, 2015. She was a

kind and generous woman who passionately loved her family with her whole heart.

She quietly cared for others as only she could do and put her loved ones first in all she did. A talented craftswoman, Sharron enjoyed embroidery, quilting and needlework, often making beautiful gifts for her family. Other interests included camping with the Eager Beaver's Camping Club for 42 years and her motorcycle club for 24 years.

Sharron will be missed by all who loved her and her loss will be felt daily. We praise God knowing she is whole in heaven and wrapped up in His loving arms forevermore.



## Retiree News

Dear Michigan Retiree Members,

We have submitted our resignation as Michigan State Retiree Directors effective immediately. We will still be actively attending the September Rally. We would like to offer our help to the next directors when they are appointed. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the past five years.

Sincerely, Frank and Kay Newman

### MICHIGAN RETIREE RALLY

When, where? September 6-10, 2016 at the Church of God Campground, 8489 N. Bagley Road, St Louis, Michigan 48880  
Every Retiree in Michigan is invited to come to this rally. You do not have to belong to a chapter. Come join us and let's have some fun!

Amanda MacDonald is our person on registration and she will be putting an application in *The Michigander* by the January 2016 issue.

Some of the things going on during the rally will be: MEALS! Tuesday will be fish and fries and Thursday pulled pork, chips, and salad will be served. There will also be an ice cream social and bingo. Lots of games will be going on and door prizes – if you can, please bring one.

Barb Jorham will be coordinating the hospitality. Our chair people Fred & Shirley Schaeding will be planning things with their committees.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you Retirees next year at the Michigan Retiree Rally!

## Chaplain's Corner

**Philippians 3:13-14(KJV)** <sup>13</sup>Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, <sup>14</sup>I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**It is hard to forget the past and some things we need to remember. One thing to remember is to forgive those that have upset us in the past. We can make 2016 a New Year by loving one another. Look forward and change that which you can change and only remember the good things of the past. Remember that God loves us all, it is sin he hates.**

**If anyone does not have Christ in their heart today they can start the new change by asking Christ in your heart today and securing their eternal future.**

**John 3:16-17(KJV)** <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.





# Scholarship News

In the September issue of *The Michigander* and at the November MSA meeting, I reported the revisions to the Scholarship by-laws. As a reminder, the following changes become effective **January 1, 2016**:

- 1) Application deadline: June 1st
- 2) All applications mailed by U.S. mail must have a legible post office marked date stamp on the envelope to be accepted for judging. Applications emailed will be accepted by the date and time on the email.
- 3) Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading scale.
- 4) The applicant **or** applicant's parents must have attended at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout in the previous year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall campout and a District campout.
- 5) If the Scholarship award recipient fails to attend school during the academic year for one full semester/quarter, the money must be returned to the Scholarship Fund. Recipient must submit a transcript from the school or college at the end of the first completed semester/quarter to the Scholarship Director. Transcripts must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following award receipt or return the award. Failure to comply shall render applicant ineligible for future scholarships.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Teens living at home planning to attend college or a trade school, upon turning 20 years of age, will need to request a 20-year old honorary membership from the Michigan State Director to apply for a free membership. To be eligible for a National or Michigan FCRV scholarship, you must be a **member in good standing**. (See policy below)

Scholarship applications are available on the MSA website, [www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org). Be sure to apply for a national scholarship; the contact information is at the bottom of the Michigan scholarship application. For questions contact:

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director 2084 Madsen Rd. – Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958

E-mail: [scholarship@mifcrv.org](mailto:scholarship@mifcrv.org).

I hope you all have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!! See you in the spring!

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

## POLICY - TWENTY YEAR OLD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Any single child of an FCRV member in good standing, may at the age of 20, request of the State/Provincial Director that his/her name be placed on the 20 year old honorary membership list. The name, address, and birth date of the 20 year old will be provided to the national office through the State/Provincial Directors.

2. FCRV will extend the membership of a single child through the age of 24 if that individual is in the military or a student in college or technical school. **This extension ceases upon leaving college, release from the military, marriage, or lack of application to the State/Provincial Director EACH year for a membership extension**. At the end of the extension period the member must pay for a renewal at the going rate.

# Teen Royalty

Hello fellow campers,

I hope this letter finds you all happy and healthy. I had a wonderful Christmas and New Years as I spent it in St. Louis, Missouri! I cannot wait for the new camping season. Although the cold weather has finally hit us I excitedly await the feeling of sunshine again! I still haven't decided which college I will be attending next year, but I have narrowed it down to a few! I look forward to seeing you all soon and I hope that you have a safe and happy winter wherever you may be!

See you soon,  
Emily Kurburski  
2015-2016 Michigan Teen Queen



Hello everyone,



I have been very busy this time of the year. I attended the Blue Water Mixer campout. I also, made it to the MSA November meeting. I have been very busy with college as my first semester is wrapping up. I'm doing fairly well in all of my classes. I have been working a lot lately because I just got promoted to line chef at my work.

I'm kind of sad that the camping season is over; I can hardly wait to see all of you next year. I want to wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. I cannot wait for 2016 to get here I know it will be great. I'm counting down the days to camping season. I hope to see you guys soon.

Your Teen King,

Shawn Crookedacre



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(This page will not be in the mailed issue due to the USPS weight limitation for a first class letter only 6 sheets of paper can be sent with first class postage.)



# The Sky's the Limit

## April 22 thru 24 2016



**2016 FCRV  
Southeast District  
Mixer  
Springfield Oaks  
Oakland County 4H  
Fairgrounds,  
Davisburg**

Make checks payable to:

**Southeast District of FCRV**

And mail with registration form to:

Paul and Diane Jones

387 E Southern Rd

Coldwater MI 49036

313.770.5555

Email [dbadjones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbadjones@sbcglobal.net)

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00

Due at registration (cash only) \$30.00

Registration at the gate \$55.00

Highlights of this year's event are:

Friday night meal for donation

Cash Bingo

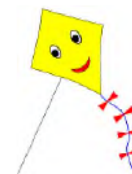
2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner

Family games

10cent auction

Kite Making And Flying

Registration Deadline: April 12, 2016



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Slide Out(s): \_\_\_\_\_

No. in Family: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ Dbl Digits: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped Parking (with permit) Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs (with physician letter). We will do our best to accommodate this need.

Special Needs (please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Snail Mail: yes no



**Voyage on the Great Lakes**  
**MSA State Spring Campout May 20-22, 2016**  
**Early arrivals welcome Thursday**

**Join us for the 50<sup>th</sup> MSA Spring Campout at:**  
**Hillsdale County Fairgrounds**  
**115 South Broad Street**  
**Hillsdale, MI 49242**

**Some of the activities will include: area attractions, cash bingo, family games, hospitality, crafts, project sales, youth activities, Saturday lunch (hosted by the teens), Saturday pot luck supper, Sunday breakfast, Praise Gang Puppeteers.**

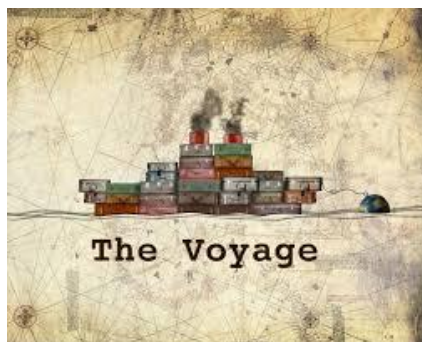
**Make Checks payable to:**  
**Michigan State Association/FCRV**

**Send Registrations to:**  
**John/Linda English**  
**P.O. Box 215**  
**Quincy, MI 49082**

**Questions: Call Linda at 248.797.5030**  
**or Email: [mifcrv@mifcrv.org](mailto:mifcrv@mifcrv.org)**

**Registration Deadline: May 6, 2016**

**Hillsdale Website:**



Activity Fee (non-refundable)	\$25
Camping Fee (\$15 a night)	<u>\$30</u>
Total Camping Fee for Friday and Saturday	\$55

Friday Gate Registration for  
unregistered campers \$60

Total Amount Enclosed  
\$15 x \_\_\_\_ (# of Days) + \$25 activity  
fee=\$\_\_\_\_

**[www.hillsdalecountyfair.org/camping](http://www.hillsdalecountyfair.org/camping)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No.: \_\_\_\_\_

M.A.L: \_\_\_\_\_

FCRV Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Length ft.: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of slide outs \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ We are handicapped and MUST be parked in the handicapped area. We understand that we will not be with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.**

**\* Handicapped registrations MUST be received by the registration deadline to be parked in the handicapped area.**

**# of Teens \_\_\_\_\_ # of Youth \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include names and ages with registration form.)**

**There are many things to see and do in Hillsdale County. Plan to arrive early and enjoy South-Central Michigan!**



### **"Just what is a Rain Gutter Regatta?"**

The Rain gutter Regatta is a boat race that is designed to be a fun project for all ages. This is a chance to enjoy the spirit of friendly competition. These "Official Rain gutter Regatta Rules" are written to help you keep it simple and fun for everyone, and to know what to expect when it comes time to race your boat.

### **"Who can race?"**

The leadership of MIFCRV always tries to keep our activities family oriented, so all ages can have fun. Anybody with an official boat may race (the campout will have some boats available for use at no cost). If preferred one can purchase a kit for \$6.00 on the updated campout registration form which must be submitted no later than April 30th so we can deliver the kits at the campout.

### **The race will be divided into the following classes:**

**Youth 1** up to age 9    **Youth 2** ages 10 – 12    **Teen** ages 13 – 19    **Family** any age can compete from youth to Adult

### **"Are there boat building rules?" (See page 13)**

To ensure that the race is as fair as possible, all boats must be made from the Rain gutter Regatta kits. However, the materials supplied in the kit can be modified or added to somewhat. On every boat, the hull, mast, keel, rudder and sail provided in the kit must be used in the boat construction. Also, no other form of propulsion besides the sail is allowed. It is recommended the hull should be painted, stained, or otherwise finished to minimize water-logging during the race. Sail: Supplied in kit, may be trimmed but not enlarged or added to (except for decorations). Decorations/Additions: Objects such as sailors, cannons, etc. may be added. All such decorations must be firmly fastened to the boat, and may not be placed in such a manner as to exceed the boat dimensions

### **"What must I do to enter my boat?"**

Before the race begins, all participating "Captains" must check-in their boats. Before a boat may compete in the regatta, it is subject to a technical inspection, to verify that it meets the prescribed specifications. If a problem is noted, the Captain may be asked to correct it before the boat is registered. When the boat passes inspection, it is then registered along with the boat Captain's name. Registration cutoff will be just prior to the start of the races for all participants. Boats that have not registered by the cutoff deadline will not race, so plan to arrive early enough to get your boat registered.

### **"How will the race be run?"**

Every race has to have rules, and ours is no exception. Once all boats are registered, the competition brackets will be seeded. Each class will start by racing with others from their class. Winners from each race will compete until an overall winner is achieved. Each race heat will involve two equal lengths of rain gutter or approved track (approximately 10-feet long) filled with water. The race heat begins once the official starter has placed the competing boats against the back wall of the gutter and commands the yachtsmen to "GO!" On the starter's command, the yachtsmen will use a provided straw to blow into the sail of their boat in order to advance them through the water. Once the race has started, the yachtsmen CANNOT touch their boat with their hands, except to right a capsized boat. Pushing the boat forward is NOT allowed while righting a capsized or stuck boat by hand, nor is pushing by a yachtsmen's face, lips, hat, nose or other body part that touches the boat. Pushing may disqualify the yachtsmen during that race heat. Any disputed heat may be rerun at the discretion of the judges. The first boat to reach the finish line (the opposite end of the gutter) is the winner of that heat. The finish line officials will have the final and only say in determining the winner. In the unlikely event of a tie, the racers will be given a chance to catch their breath, then that heat will be rerun. If a boat is damaged during a race (boat loses its rudder, keel or mast/sail) and can be repaired in a reasonable amount of time (a few minutes), the race may be run again at the discretion of the judges. Any non-functional decorations that fall off during competition will NOT be reattached during racing. The race will be run as a double elimination format, with the winners of each heat advancing until the winners are determined for each class.

A rules and tip sheet can be downloaded off the MIFCRV website at: [http://mifcrv.org/news/Raingutter Regatta Rules and hints.pdf](http://mifcrv.org/news/Raingutter%20Regatta%20Rules%20and%20hints.pdf)

Any questions you may have that aren't covered in this article please send them to [paulrjones@usa.net](mailto:paulrjones@usa.net) and we will do our best to answer them.

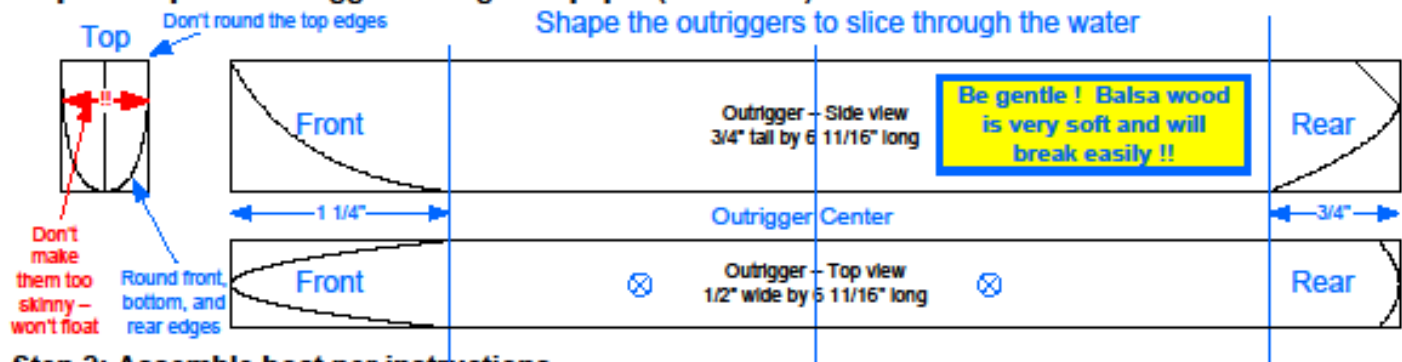
## Raingutter Regatta Rules and Tips/Hints Sheet

### Raingutter Regatta Rules

- Nothing may extend past front point or rear point of outriggers, so maximum total boat length is 8 3/4 inches
- Maximum boat hull width (not counting sail) is 3 3/8 inches – if you have parts sticking out from sides you will hit the gutter and go slow
- Must use all parts from kit (2 outriggers, trimaran hull, 4 screws, mast, and sail)
- No motors or other power sources allowed, boats must run on Scout wind power only
- Mast must not be shortened and sail size must not be increased
- NEW RULE: Sails cannot be creased, folded or wrapped around boat mast - must use two holes in sail and main sail between holes must not touch front of mast. See below for best "legal" sail configuration.
- NO WATER-BASED PAINT MAY BE USED – DUH !!
- Otherwise no restrictions on weight (remember, heavier is slower) or embellishments/decorations



### Step 1: Shape the outriggers using sandpaper (or nail file)



### Step 2: Assemble boat per instructions



### Step 3: Paint your boat (with sail removed)

Spray paint looks the best and is easiest to do, but you can also paint with a brush if you don't have spray paint. The trick to a smooth finish is to use a SANDABLE primer first - I get mine from Home Depot - Rustoleum Painter's Touch Ultra Cover Primer (white) for about \$3 or even drywall primer paint like Kilz. You can lightly sand the 1st coat before applying the 2nd coat of primer and then lightly sand it again before the color coat of spray paint. My favorite finish spray paint is Krylon gloss spray paint which is cheapest at Walmart (around \$3).

**Remember: NO water-based paints allowed !!**

If you apply more than one finish color or a clear gloss coat, sometimes it will wrinkle the paint. I usually stay away from the clear gloss coats for this reason, and when you apply colors make sure they hit primer and not an underlying color. You can use masking tape to mask off the areas for the different finish colors (e.g. like a stripe down the middle, etc.).

Here are the recommended steps for painting your boat:

1. Wipe off any sanding dust from your boat with a tack cloth.
2. Using tape, attach an old stick to the bottom of your boat which you can hold while painting.
3. Apply two coats of primer paint, allow to dry 30 minutes between coats and 2 hours after the 2nd coat.
4. Sand lightly with 320 grit sandpaper, then vacuum and/or wipe off dust with a tack cloth.
5. Apply two or more light coats of spray paint of your choice.

Stick to hold on to while painting

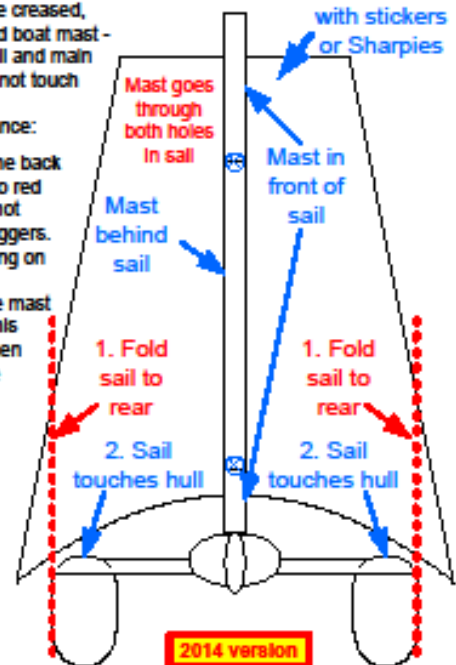


### Step 4: Tune and decorate your sail

New rule: Sails cannot be creased, folded or wrapped around boat mast - must use two holes in sail and main sail between holes must not touch front of mast. For best (legal) performance:

1. Fold the sail (toward the back of boat) along the two red lines so that it does not extend past the outriggers. This prevents dragging on the gutter sides.
2. Push the sail down the mast as far as it will go. This minimizes tipping when you blow during race

Decorate sail with stickers or Sharpies



### Step 5: Add a super cool captain





## *A Taste of Italy With the Northern District*



**Date:** June 10-11-12, 2016

**Place:** Gladwin County Fairgrounds  
401 S. State St. - Gladwin, MI

**Facilities:** Electricity, showers, water available, fire in containers  
No gopher holes, Hobo style camping  
(If you wish to park together, please come in together)

**Fees:** \$ 15.00 Rally Fee Advanced Registration (Sorry no refunds)  
\$ 10.00 Per Night Camping Fee  
\$ 35.00 Total for Weekend (No mail backs)  
\$ 12.00 Thursday Arrivals

Please make checks payable to: Northern District FCRV  
Mail Registrations to: Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub  
9355 E. Lakeview Hills Rd.  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Cell 231-642-7735  
E-mail: petsam6@cs.com

**ACTIVITIES:** Friday – Bingo Saturday – Family Games, Door Prizes, Dime Auction,  
Camp Wide Potluck Supper, Evening Program Sunday – Breakfast

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**Northern District Mixer 2016**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amt. Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children:** Girls \_\_\_\_\_ **Ages** \_\_\_\_\_ **Boys** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ages** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teens:** Girls \_\_\_\_\_ **Guys** \_\_\_\_\_

**BLUE WATER MINI MIXER****APRIL 29 – MAY 1, 2016****PT. HURON TWP. PARK  
WATER ST., PT. HURON, MI****FEES: PRICE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CAMPSITE,  
ELECTRIC & WATER OR FULL HOOKUP.****YOU WILL NEED TO CALL THE CAMPGROUND AFTER  
APRIL 15 TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR YOUR  
CAMPSITE FOR THE (FCRV MINI MIXER) AND PAY THE  
PARK A DEPOSIT.  
810-982-6765****DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:  
APRIL 30, 2015****YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO REGISTER BY CALLING  
ROCKY LUMLEY at 810-329-3455  
OR MAIL OR EMAIL REGISTRATION TO:  
JOYCE WILLIAMS  
70259 KAREN ST  
RICHMOND, MI 48062  
586-242-4584  
Mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com  
NO CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOU.****ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ADULT & FAMILY GAMES,  
SOUP LUNCH, SATURDAY DINNER POTLUCK  
(DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE THE CHICKEN FOR  
SATURDAY DINNER), SUNDAY POTLUCK  
BREAKFAST, FUN FOR ALL AGES.  
2) 50/50 DRAWINGS (1 FRIDAY, 1 SATURDAY) THIS  
WILL HELP COVER THE DISTRICT EXPENSES  
SINCE THERE IS NO ACTIVITY FEE.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER NAME & # \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT  
TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ SLIDES: \_\_\_\_\_

# IN FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_ TEENS \_\_\_\_\_

FULL HOOKUP \_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRIC & WATER ONLY \_\_\_\_\_**HANDICAPED AREA: THOSE IN THE HANDICAPED AREA MAY NOT BE  
PARKED WITH THEIR CHAPTER. YOU MUST HAVE A VALID HANDICAPED  
STICKER OR DOCTOR'S NOTE.****BLUE WATER MIXER****CRAZY HAT  
WEEKEND**

THEME:

**SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25, 2016  
EASTERN MICH. FAIRGROUNDS  
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444****FEES:  
\$ 10.00 REGISTRATION FEE  
\$ 35.00 CAMPING FEE  
\$ 45.00 TOTAL  
NO CANADIAN CHECKS, PLEASE  
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
LATE REGISTRATION IS \$2.00 AT THE GATE  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BLUE WATER MIXER  
MAIL REGISTRATION  
ROCKY LUMLEY  
603 N. 3<sup>RD</sup> ST  
ST. CLAIR, MI. 48079  
810-329-3455  
donrocky64@hotmail.com****OR JOYCE WILLIAMS  
mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com**

PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROV. \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER NAME AND # \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ #SLIDES \_\_\_\_\_

#IN FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT \_\_\_\_\_ TEEN \_\_\_\_\_ DD \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_

**THOSE IN HANDICAP WILL NOT BE PARKED WITH  
THEIR CHAPTER. YOU MUST HAVE A VALID HANDICAP STICKER  
OR DOCTOR'S NOTE.****ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BINGO, SOUP KETTLE, PROJECT SALE  
AND MUCH MORE.****A FREE WEEKEND WILL BE DRAWN FOR THOSE REGISTERED  
BY AUG. 15, 2016.****BASIC ELECTRIC AVAILABLE!!!!**





**Tailgating in the North**  
**MSA State Fall Campout September 14-18, 2016**  
**Early arrivals welcome on Wednesday after 5pm.**

**Activities:** tours, candy bar bingo, evening entertainment, crafts, hot dogs and chips luncheon on Saturday (hosted by the youth), Friday night Walking Taco's, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, family games, washer toss, horseshoes, hospitality

(homemade cookies all weekend), Praise Gang Puppeteers, project sales, silent auction, Teen/Youth Pageant, youth activities, teen activities.

Join us for touchdowns  
 and team spirit at:  
 Church of God  
 Campground.  
 13603 Veenstra Road  
 Charlevoix, MI 49720

**Saturday:** Wear your favorite team jersey/t-shirt and create your ultimate tailgating recipe to share at our camp-wide tailgating party.

**Make Checks payable to:**  
**Michigan State Assn/FCRV**

**Send Registrations to:**  
**Dave and Heidi Mull**  
**11435 Prairie Ave**  
**Allendale, MI 49401**



Activity Fee (non-refundable)  
 \$25  
 Camping Fee (\$20 a night)  
 \$40  
 Total Camping Fee for Friday  
 and Saturday  
 \$65

Friday Gate Registration for  
 unregistered campers  
 \$70



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No.: \_\_\_\_\_ M.A.L.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FCRV #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Length ft.: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of slide outs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ We are handicapped and MUST be parked in the handicapped area. We understand that we will not be with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

\* Handicapped registrations MUST be received by the registration deadline to be parked in the handicapped area.  
 # of Teens \_\_\_\_\_ # of Youth \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide names and ages on back of form)

☺ The campground has two cabins for \$20 a night, two cabins for \$30 a night, fourteen dorm rooms for \$20 a night, and two apartment rooms for \$45 a night. If you are interested in these accommodations, please contact Anne Kurburski at [akurburski@yahoo.com](mailto:akurburski@yahoo.com) or 231-838-2335.

☺ We are offering two tours. Please check if you are interested

\_\_\_\_ Thursday: Kilwins Chocolate Factory and Maple Moon Sugarbush Farm

\_\_\_\_ Friday: Local Farm Tours

Co-Chairs: Anne and Foster Kurburski (231) 838-2335 email: [akurburski@yahoo.com](mailto:akurburski@yahoo.com)

Co-Chairs: Dave and Heidi Mull (616) 892-7794 email: [spiceman@altelco.net](mailto:spiceman@altelco.net)

**Registration Deadline: September 3, 2016**

# BLUE WATER MIKER



EASTERN MICHIGAN  
FAIRGROUNDS  
Welcome  
Family Campers  
and RVers





