



Nautical News

March, 2008

2008 marks the 38th anniversary year for Sailboats Inc., a company started by Jack R. Culley.

After 38 years, we have evolved into a business that focuses not only on sailing related activities. In 2001 the company, prompted by the expansion of our operations on the Great Lakes, took on a new name: SI Marine Management (SIMM), which better defines the business we have become.

Our services include:
Marina Services
Yacht Sales
Sailing Instruction and
Sailing Charters

Information on all of these services can be found at www.sailboats-inc.com

Greetings!

Beginning this month, we will be sending out a monthly newsletter bringing you updates, specials and news.

If you wish to submit boating information to be shared, please send it to info@sailboats-inc.com.

Marina News

On Lake Michigan



[Manistowic Marina](#); Manistowoc, WI

Manistowoc Marina lands a major refit project, including a repowering, to be completed during the winter of 2007/2008.

A long-term Service and Indoor Storage Customer of Manistowoc Marina purchased a classic 1973 Huckins 53 Motor Yacht on the East Coast this past September. Arrangements were made in advance to store "Lady Victoria" indoors and to expect a sizable work order on her when she arrived in October.

In addition to rewiring the entire boat (A/C & D/C), installing new Raymarine Electronics, removing about 20 years of bottom paint and applying a barrier coat, not to mention a lengthy list of smaller projects, her meticulous owner wanted to lighten her up and increase horsepower at the same time. In other words, the old heavy 250hp Detroit Diesel inboards were going to be replaced with a state-of-the-art pair of 480hp Yanmar Diesels with V-Drive transmissions.

This project was just the challenge Fred Warner (Mechanical Supervisor) had been hoping for. Working with the owner, a Marine Surveyor and Naval Architect, the transmission ratio, prop size & pitch, strut design and prop shaft angle were determined. The V-Drive transmissions were supplied with the Yanmar's, however, the engine mounts, shaft logs, shafts, struts and props were all custom built for this application.

The following picture shows the Yanmar 6LY3-ETP's resting on their mounts and custom fiberglass shaft logs installed. The struts have been bolted up, and we are waiting for the custom shafts and props to arrive for initial alignment.

A total of 500 man-hours were estimated for the mechanical phase of this project. The electrical conversion phase added 650 man-hours, and various other improvements will add an additional 350 man-hours. This is a major refit (the single biggest project Manistowoc Marina has tackled), which is on schedule to be completed by mid-April.



Yacht Sales



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3-Day Learn to Sail Courses Begin in May!

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Charter in Thunder Bay, Ontario in 2008!



Experience the natural beauty of Lake Superior's North Shore this season.

We are pleased to welcome Grant & Terry Murdoch as our Thunder Bay Charter Masters. They are very knowledgeable sailors who can assist you with any questions you have on the area.

For more information on the Thunder Bay location, please give us a call or [click here](#).

On Lake Superior



[Barker's Island Marina](#); Superior, WI



[Knife River Marina](#); Knife River, MN

The US Coast Guard Cutter ALDER has been busy this week breaking ice in the Duluth/Superior Harbor in preparation for the start of the shipping season. See photos of the ice breaking action at www.duluthshippingnews.com.

Ship watchers can join in anticipating the start of the shipping season by entering the First Ship Contest at www.visitduluth.com. Guess the arrival to the port of the first ship of the season and win a Duluth vacation getaway. These are sure signs of spring and we look forward to open water and the start of our launch and boating season.

Dockage at Barker's Island Marina and Knife River Marina is still available for 2008.

It's been another busy winter service season at our Barker's Island Marina and Knife River Marina locations. Bow thrusters continue to be in demand. We have over 15 years of experience installing thrusters and our service staff are experts at selecting the proper unit and installation. We've completed three installations recently including one with both a bow and stern thruster. Make those white knuckle dockings a thing of the past. Contact us today for a quote to install a thruster in your boat.

Raymarine leads the way with state of the art marine electronics packages. All of our Marina Service Centers have experienced and Certified **Raymarine** technicians to assist you with selecting and installing the best package to fit your budget and needs. Visit www.raymarine.com to learn more about new products and spring promotions. Our fiberglass repair and refinishing technicians are the best on Lake Superior and we've been busy with many projects from cosmetic touch-ups to major structural repairs and refinishing. Let us know if we can help you with any needed fiberglass repairs or refinishing projects.

Happy Boating!

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