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Sailing Team USA Improves in World Ranking

The latest world sailing rankings released by the International Sailing Federation see many USA sailors climb in the rankings. For example John Lovell and Charlie Ogletree have moved up from 8th to 5th in the Tornado rankings and Mikee Anderson-Mitterling and David Hughes have moved from 13th to 11th. Meanwhile, Paige Railey and Anna Tunnicliffe continue to occupy the top 2 spots in the Laser Radial rankings. But perhaps the most significant changes for USA sailors have occurred in the Star class, where George Szabo and Eric Monroe are the world's new Star ranking leaders and they're joined by five other USA teams in the top 20.

Get the complete ISAF world sailing rankings by visiting: <http://www.sailing.org/default.asp?ID=j6vFh`z/8&format=popup>
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From the Editor

Starting on the next page, you will find the 2006 FOMA Telephone directory.

The directory is, as far as I know, completely up to date, courtesy of our treasurer, Lowell Dexter.

If you missed the May meeting, with the Devil Rays taking on the World Champion Chicago White Sox's, you missed a heck of a ball game, without question the best FOMA/Devil Rays meeting ever.

After scoring one in the first, Chicago fell behind the Rays in the second as the Rays scored two.

The Rays then proceeded to add four more in the fifth inning, two more in the sixth inning, and two more in the seventh inning, for a total of ten runs. This made the game look like a blow out.

But Chicago was not done. They scored six runs in the eighth inning, to bring their score to seven. Fortunately for the home team, that was as close as they were able to get, meaning the score ended at White Sox 7, and the Rays 10.

So, free parking, free admission, food about 20 feet from the box, and a Rays victory. What a night!

Our Next Meeting

The June FOMA meeting will take place at Applebee's located at 5110 East Bay Drive, just West of US 19 in Largo. This is in the Tri-City shopping center.

As usual, happy hour starts about 6:00 PM or so, with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. We will be ordering from the menu.

At present, there is no speaker scheduled, so we will consider this a social meeting.

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Women on the Way

From the editor: Darlene Myers asked me to run this in the newsletter so that we can all become better informed on a charity program that she supports.

A brief description of the program: It is set up to help women who are putting themselves through school. 75% of the women are single moms, working either full or part-time and going to school full or part-time. I interviewed a few of them and their schedules alone would be overwhelming enough, but add to that raising 2-3 or more children, and my response is "Oh My God! How do they do it?" As you might imagine, many of them are financially stressed and can barely make ends meet.

The thing I really like about this program is that first, these women decided to make a change in their life to eventually have a better life - they were willing to get uncomfortable, and make sacrifices to make things better in the long run. This program offers a helping hand to them, and encourages them to continue to keep moving forward. The program offers donations such as clothing, household items, and scholarships from monies received from various clubs, associations, and organizations throughout the area. American Business Women's Association, and International Association for Administrative Professionals are two groups I know that provide scholarships to the program.

As with any charitable program they need donations of various types - money, clothing, toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent) anything you can imagine needing for a household - some of them need, depending on each woman's particular financial

situation. My thought was maybe we as a group could bring some items on our meeting night, and I will run the donations over to them on behalf of the FOMA club.

Now, on a public relations note, this could be advantageous to us as a club. In the Toastmaster's club I belong to, press releases have been very beneficial to us in getting our name out there, generating interest, and getting guests to show up and take a look...

Here's a little brainstorming...

We could put out a press release stating our charitable actions, this could get us a little ink, or if someone has contacts, maybe more ink - at any rate it's exposure which publicizes our boat club. A good thing. Maybe (depending on the liability) we could get a few of us set up and plan a Saturday in the summer where a certain amount of ladies can sign up to go out for a morning or afternoon on a couple of sail boats and we furnish a picnic and a great time (no children - just the ladies). That would be a fun time for all of us - a nice gesture, and could get us some ink in the news. We wouldn't even have to take them out on the boats, if there was a liability issue, just providing a picnic at the beach and organizing some sort of fun activity could work.

So, how about it folks. Can we help Darlene out here? Let's discuss it at a meeting, and see if we can come up with some winning ideas.

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