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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ★★ ★★

Easter is just around the corner, but apparently our Wisconsin weather is not cooperating with the season. Hopefully, spring – and boat launching – will soon begin.

Our March meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds on the 25th of March. Thirty members enjoyed the roaring fire at cocktail hour and a great dinner in our "private" dining room. Thanks to the Schneckenbergs for organizing this annual event.

Many thanks go to Connie Heyden and Lynda Nelson, who hosted a Happy Hour at Bullwinkle's in Brookfield on the 9th of March. Even though some of our members are still doing their "snow bird" thing, the Happy Hour was well attended. Mark your calendars for the 20th of April for the next Monday event. This will be a breakfast at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Wauwatosa, planned by Tom McElwee.

The April meeting is scheduled for the 16th. This is our famous White Elephant event and will be held at Center Point. I guess it is time to empty that club refrigerator. Start looking in your closets for white elephant treasures. Don't forget the Shove-Off-Spree at the Seven Seas on May 8th. This is always a well-attended event, so we hope that, once again, we gather a good crowd. If you have any friends who are thinking of joining the club, this is a nice event for guests to get acquainted with our club members.

Both Russ and I are looking forward to seeing you at these fun-filled up-coming events.

Mary Berg



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

APRIL

- 3 Ken Dziubek
- 6 Dick Grabowski
- 7 Leo Wagner
- 15 Dave Dorner

MAY

- 3 Shirley Weir
- 6 Gene Schnagl
- 13 Bob Kowalski
- 13 Gloria Larsen
- 19 Kim Hesper
- 22 Andy Baugher
- 27 Nancy Nikolaus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 16 MBC Club Meeting & White Elephant Auction
Captains: Dave Dorner, Kim Hesper, & Cindy Halstead
- April 20 MBC Captains & First Mates Monday Madness
Captains: Tom & Cam McElwee
- May 8 MBC Club Meeting Shove-Off-Spree
Seven Seas Restaurant
Captain: Dave Dorner
- May 18 MBC Captains & First Mates Monday Madness
Captain: Wayne Happel

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 and Todd Weiler

BOATING QUIZ

1. We're talking about a tree. Its wood -- which smells like old shoe leather -- is most treasured although not necessarily the most valuable of all building lumber. Scandinavians designers use it a lot for modern furniture. Logs from this tree are still hauled out the forest using elephants. You know the tree, of course, but before you get too self-satisfied about knowing the answer, explain the unique use to which this tree's leaves are put.
2. When did the era of 12-meters begin in America's Cup competition?
3. After a 50-mile open-water passage in your 36' cabin cruiser, you approach a strange harbor whose entrance, you've been told, is very difficult to spot along the tree-lined shore. It's dusk and turning dark quickly. You approach the shore but cannot find the single unlighted buoy, or the day-mark shown on the chart. Your compass is excellent, and you have run a very careful course to the harbor opening. What do you do and, more importantly, what should you have done?
4. Aboard your 36' cabin cruiser with a single screw, you enter a small crowded harbor, happy to be out of the heavy open-water seas. You've been unable to raise any marina on your VHF radio. It starts to rain heavily and blow about 30 knots, obviously a heavy squall. Visibility is poor. What's your best choice: to look for docking space; go back outside the harbor and stall; or anchor?
5. What does "grin" mean in referring to boats?
 (Source: *The Cockpit Quiz Book* by C. Dale Nouse)

Submitted by Gloria Mitchelson
(answers may be found below)

DRY DOCK

If anyone would like to send a card to Davis Hohn, the address is:

Davis & Jackie Hohn
 4471 Riverwalk Drive, #108
 Bonita Springs, FL 34134

BOATING QUIZ ANSWERS

(from page 2)

1. The huge leaves of the teak tree are so tough and abrasive that they can be used in lieu of sandpaper. The leaves are loaded with silica (as is the wood), which is also why, after being used to saw a few boards, your saw needs sharpening. When you ask for teak, don't let anybody palm off on you woods called Iroka (from Africa) or Ipil (from the Philippines). Real teak comes from Burma or Thailand.
2. In 1958, when America's *Columbia* skippered by wealthy sportsman Briggs Cunningham soundly trounced England's *Sceptre*.
3. Take a guess, and turn right or left and look for the harbor entrance. If you fail to find it, reverse your course parallel to the shore and explore in the opposite direction. What you should have done, if you knew the harbor was difficult to spot, was to lay off your course to one side or the other of the target, so you'd know which way to turn when you were nearer to shore.
4. Unless you are truly expert at docking under extremely difficult conditions, or have ample room to anchor in designated areas, you should go outside and wait for the squall to pass.
5. A boat is said to grin when she sticks her bow into a sea and comes up streaming hard water.

FOX & HOUNDS DINNER

MARCH 25, 2015

On a snow- and ice-free evening, 30 MBC members ventured to Fox & Hounds Restaurant for a fun-filled night of drinking, dining and just enjoying conversing with each other.

The evening started out by gathering around the bar, some keeping warm by the fireplace. After everyone was caught up on gossip and worldly matters, we headed to the porch room for the two for one dinner. Mary Berg conducted a very short MBC meeting before we consumed our very tasty meals. Portions were generous as evidenced by the many white boxes seen living the building. For those members who were unable to attend, you missed a fun filled evening.

Submitted by David Schneckenberg



SCUTTLEBUTT

Runabout editor Liz Beaudoin was delighted to receive a thoughtful surprise from Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield, via skilled knitter (and also member) Sally Mergener. Liz received a package containing three custom hats for her three daughters, and the results are as adorable as can be expected. See for yourselves below.



Jim & Sally Mergener stopped to have lunch with Pete & Bonnie Merryfield in Ft. Myers, FL. The Mergeners drove from Miami where they had landed after their cruise, and the Merryfields were delighted to visit with their Wisconsin friends!



PROPOSED NEW BUILDING & PLAZA at LAKE SHORE STATE PARK

During the meeting at The Fox & Hounds Restaurant on March 25th, I updated the membership on the progress of the planned Lake Shore State Park (LSSP) new Building & Plaza Center. However, it became evident that quite a few members had no idea what I was talking about, being they were not present at earlier presentations. Some asked if I would update them in *The Runabout*. Accordingly, for the benefit of those members, the following is a recap of those presentations.

First, going back approximately seven years, I addressed the DNR on behalf of LMYA in meetings during the initial planning stages for what has become known as Lake Shore State Park. I was assisted by LMYA representatives Dave Tucholka and Keith Ponath. The original DNR plans were to build boat slips in the basin south of Discovery World. Initially, plans were to build 17 slips averaging 30 ft. in length. We argued extensively to increase the number and size of the slips. Evidently it was agreed the number of slips would increase to 20 and the size up to 60 ft. in length. We also asked that rest rooms be provided. Funds were appropriated for these rest rooms but were, to our disappointment, used for other DNR expenses; thus they were never built.

Last fall we attended a meeting of the Friends of Lake Shore State Park. We expressed our displeasure that the rest rooms were never built. However, we were pleased to learn that a large rest room facility, called the building & plaza, was in the planning stages. A presentation was made by the architectural firm of Kubala Washatko, Inc. (ATKO). The building portion proposed is 4,500 sq. ft. with a lobby, meeting room for 100 people, lounge area with a fireplace and toilet facilities for the general public. A locked private room for the boat slip renters will have toilets, dressing areas and showers. The Plaza area adjacent to the building will cover 8,000 sq. ft. and be partly covered with a roof. This complex will be approximately 500 ft from the boat slips, very convenient for the boaters.

Recently, I was informed by Gloria McCutcheon, building Committee Chairperson, that the architectural firm of ATKO was hired and the project is now in the stage of securing permits.

A presentation of this project will be held in late April at a public open house at the Italian Community Center in

downtown Milwaukee. I will email members when the final date is established.

How will this new facility benefit MBC members? Although many of you have slips at marinas and yacht clubs in the Milwaukee Harbor, you will now have an incentive to rent a slip at LSSP. The advantage of moving to this basin for a few days is that you can conveniently enjoy all the attractions within walking distance of your slip. Some examples are Discovery World, the art museum, civic center, theaters, sporting events, Summerfest the many ethnic festivals, fireworks displays and restaurants, to name a few. These slips will be an excellent place for you to entertain guests, especially after the rest room facility is built. Members with trailered boats will especially benefit from the use of these slips.

I will keep you updated as this project develops. Thank you for your interest.

Wayne Happel

MONDAY MADNESS APRIL 20 BREAKFAST 9:00 AM CROWN PLAZA HOTEL

(Located at Watertown Plank Road & Mayfair Road (Hwy 100), Wauwatosa – 10499 Innovation Drive)

We'll meet in the Innovation Dining area offering a breakfast menu and buffet.

We would appreciate you letting us know if you can join us by calling 262-786-9687 or emailing tommcelwee@yahoo.com.

We hope you can join us!!

Hosts: Tom & Cam McElwee

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2015
MEETING OF MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Commodore Mary Berg. Thirty members were present, and no guests. This was a very brief meeting and held at the Fox and Hounds Restaurant.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting as published in the Runabout.

Vice Commodore Scott Burke – no report

Senior Pilot Dave Dorner – no report

Dave Schneckenberg submitted the Purser's Report. The balance at the last report was \$3,011.96. There were no receipts. We had disbursements of \$150 for the newsletter, \$50.00 for the National Boating Federation, and \$125.00 to Lake Michigan Yachting Association. The total disbursements are \$325.00, leaving a current balance of \$2,686.06.

Past Commodore Jim Heyden – no report

Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield– no report

Program Director Bob Kowalski – no report

Director of House and Equipment Tom McElwee – no report

Director of Refreshments Leo Wagner – no report

LMYA Chairman, Wayne Happel, informed us of the developing of the area near Discovery World. Wayne also said the LMYA rendezvous will be in Port Washington the weekend of June 19th.

Director of Advertising Peter Merryfield – no report

Charlene Zierden, Chairman of Dry Dock and Welfare, was not in attendance, but Carolyn Schneckenberg updated us on the progress of Davis Hohn. It was also mentioned that Sue Ring-Wagner was having her second hip replacement on April 1st at Mt. Sinai.

Club Sales Director Nancy Grabowski – no report

The next club meeting is on April 16th, and it will be the White Elephant.

Tom McElwee distributed fliers about a breakfast at the Crown Plaza Hotel on April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and it was so moved at 7:25 p.m.

A great dinner followed.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Russ Berg, Yeoman**

**MBC "MONDAY MADNESS"
MARCH 9, 2015
HAPPY HOUR AT BULLWINKLE'S**



FOX & HOUNDS DINNERS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 25, 2015



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MARCH 25, 2015**



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