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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

For all those members who attended, we had a fun evening at our "Sno-Fun Cruise." The food at Botanas was great, and the presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof* was excellent. (See the article in this issue.)

Our annual "St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner" on March 20th was delicious! We went through over 100 lbs. of corned beef! Thanks again to our chefs and helpers – Russ Berg and his daughter Christina, Wayne and Lynne Happel, Tom and Cam McElwee, Grey and Cindy Halstead, Dave Risch and Nita Swartwout, and Daryl Grubbs. This event wouldn't be the success it is without your help.

Our next event is the "White Elephant Auction" on April 24th. (See the notice in this issue.)

Don't forget the "Shove-Off-Spree" coming up in May. (See notice in this issue.) The reason it's being held later this year is to allow more of our returning snowbirds to attend. Please get your reservations in early, as we've also invited other boat clubs. We are expecting a large turnout, and there might be a cut-off limit.

I'm glad to see the Public Works Committee of the Milwaukee Common Council has backed the proposed ordinance requiring a no-wake speed limit in the Inner Harbor during special events. We'll keep you posted on the vote of the full Common Council.

With the snow and ice disappearing, we will soon be putting our boats in the water. Let me know if you think you're the first MBC boat in the water for the 2008 season. I'll need the date and the time. There will be a bottle of wine for the winner.

Hope to see all of you soon!

Pete Merryfield

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 15 | Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens
Captain Wayne Happel |
| April 24 | "White Elephant" Auction
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center
(A-M bring hearty appetizer/salad; N-Z bring desserts)
Captains George Graubner and Jim Heyden |
| May 9 | "Shove-Off-Spree"
Seven Seas Restaurant
Captain Wayne Happel |
| May 13 | Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens
Captain Wayne Happel |
| May 31 | "RiverSplash" Event
Captain Dave Dorner |



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

APRIL

- 4 Bill Erby
- 6 Dick Grabowski
- 7 Leo Wagner
- 10 John Grasse
- 15 Dave Dorner

MAY

- 3 Shirley Wier
- 6 Gene Schnagl
- 13 Kim Hesper
- 13 Bob Kowalski
- 13 Gloria Larsen
- 14 Tom Czaplicki
- 22 Andy Baugher
- 26 Christine Grubbs

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 Bonnie Merryfield

**EDITOR’S NOTE AND BIRTH
 ANNOUNCEMENT**

My husband Chris and I are proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Sophia Elizabeth Beaudoin, on March 31st, 2008. She weighted in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches. We are so proud and happy to be new parents!

We’d also like to thank everyone in Milwaukee Boat Club for your generous gift to the baby and us. With many months of diapers ahead of us – not to mention our other needs – I know the Target gift card will really come in handy. I hope you enjoy the picture of our family on this page.

Liz Beaudoin

2008 “SNO-FUN CRUISE”



Our March 15th “Sno-Fun Cruise” began with a delicious Mexican dinner at the ever-popular Botanas restaurant in Milwaukee. We ordered off the menu, which offered a wide variety of choices and led to exclamations of, “Mine is wonderful, but I’m going to try yours next time!” Members in attendance were Tom and Cam McElwee, Russ and Mary Berg, Grey and Cindy Halstead, Craig and Kim Hesper, Judy Dörner (Dave was at a Florida golf-outing), and Pete and Bonnie Merryfield.

After dinner, we drove the short distance to the Modjeska Theater to see the Modjeska Youth Theater Company perform *Fiddler on the Roof*. We were completely awed by the acting, singing, and dancing of the young performers, who range in age from 6 to 20. The 26-piece orchestra did an excellent job of backing up the singers as we listened to the well-known songs of the production which included “Sunrise, Sunset,” “Do You Love Me?,” “To Life!,” “If I Were a Rich Man,” “Matchmaker,” and “Tradition.”

We had a great time, and those of us who were able to attend the production will definitely return for future performances.

Submitted by Bonnie Merryfield

MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 2008

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for March 20, 2008 was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Commodore Pete Merryfield.

The minutes of the February 21, 2008 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Guests Vance and Kathy Werner, Greg Gegner, and Joe and Jeanne Kelly were introduced and welcomed by club members. We were also glad that Don Grubbs, Daryl and Christine's son, was able to join us.

Officers' Reports:

Vice-Commodore – No report.

Senior Pilot – Wayne Happel reminded members that MBC's annual "Shove-Off-Spree" will be held on May 9th at the "Seven Seas Restaurant." Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 P.M., and dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. This year we will be inviting Waukesha Cruise Fleet, Milwaukee Harbor Yacht Club, and McBoat to join us. The cost is \$25.00 per person, and details will be found in the April issue of the Runabout.

Purser – Dave Dorner reported a February 20, 2008 starting balance of \$2,361.80. Total income for the period of 2/21/08 through 3/19/08 was \$100.00. Total expenses for that same period were \$492.16. Our certificate of deposit was transferred to our checking account. Our final balance as of 3/20/08 was \$1,978.70.

Director of Membership – Bonnie Merryfield asked if anyone had a cabinet that could be donated to the clubhouse and used to store MBC's photo albums. The current cabinets are packed with albums, and overflow albums are being stored at the Merryfields' house. Let Bonnie know if you have an available cabinet.

Director of Programs – No report.

Director of House & Equipment – No report.

Director of Refreshments – No report.

Webmaster – Daryl reminded members to let him know if anyone wanted to be added to the newsletter "snail-mail" list. Commodore Pete reminded members to print out the newsletter to use as a reference for upcoming events. The complete list of our 2008 events is in the February issue of the Runabout, which may be accessed on the website.

Committee Reports:

LMYA – Wayne Happel informed members that the ordinance regarding a no-wake rule in the Inner Harbor from one hour before to one hour after special events at the Lakefront is now on the Milwaukee Public Works Department's agenda.

Wayne also explained the purpose of LMYA for those guests who were unfamiliar with the organization. The 2008 dues deadline for LMYA renewals or new members is April 1st. Members sending in dues after that time may not be included in the 2008 LMYA Directory.

Runabout Editor – Our newsletter editor Liz Beaudoin's first baby is due on March 22nd. We don't know if that's the date "Baby" has chosen to arrive, but whenever "Baby" puts in an appearance, we all wish Liz, her husband, and "Baby" much happiness.

Advertising – Any ads should be forwarded to Pete Merryfield.

Scuttlebutt – Members were reminded to submit "newsy snippets" for this section of the newsletter.

Dry Dock & Welfare – no report. We were delighted that Pete Zierden, who is recuperating from his leg injury, was able to join us tonight thanks to his chauffer Dale Peck.

Club Sales – No report.

Any Old Business? – Not at this time.

Any New Business? – George Graubner informed us that our "Cold Duck/Champagne" get-together will be held on June 14th at the McKinley Marina Pavilion. Details will be in the Runabout as the date approaches.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. and followed by our delicious "St. Pat's Corned Beef Dinner." Thanks to our chefs and servers Russ Berg and his daughter Christina, Wayne and Lynne Happel, Tom and Cam McElwee, Dave Risch and Nita Swartwout, and Daryl Grubbs. A great job was done by all!

Respectfully submitted,

Yeoman Bonnie Merryfield

BOATERS: TAKE ACTION!**National Boating Federation Action Alert: Help Stop Federal Boat Permitting! (Courtesy of NMMA)**

Please urge your U.S. senators to sponsor S 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008.

The Threat to Recreational Boating:

Unless Congress acts soon, every recreational boater in the country will have to obtain a federal or state permit in order to operate his or her boat. This means yearly fees, bureaucratic red tape, confusing state-by-state regulations, citizen suits and \$32,000 per day penalties for non-compliance. These permits would apply to deck run-off, bilge water, engine cooling water, and any other water-based, operational discharge from a recreational boat. The Environmental Protection Agency, due to a sweeping court order, is already writing this unprecedented new regulation on boaters.

The Clean Boating Act of 2008:

Senators Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) have just introduced S. 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008. S. 2766 would fully and permanently restore a 35-year permit exemption for recreational boat incidental discharges, such as weather deck run-off and engine coolant water. It works to protect the health of the nation's waterways by pursuing whether or not reasonable and practicable best management practices need to be put into place for some incidental discharges. This important bill preserves recreational boating and the boating industry, taking a balanced approach that recognizes that pleasure boat discharges are completely different from land-based industrial facilities and commercial ships.

What You Can Do to Protect Boating:

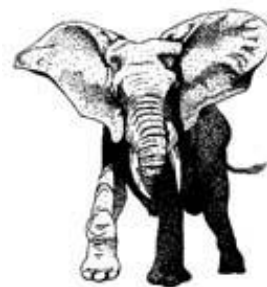
All boaters must contact their U.S. senators and tell them to co-sponsor S. 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008. You can quickly and easily send a letter to your senators by visiting: <http://www.boatblue.org/>.

Once, there, it is a simple process to contact your senators. This is the most significant threat facing boaters today, and we need your help to solve it. Take five minutes to tell Congress to support S. 2766.

For more information, contact Mat Dunn (mdunn@nmma.org; 202-737-9760) or Dylan Jones (djones@nmma.org; 202-737-9776) so they can follow up with your senators.

We thank the NMMA for their support and expertise, and we all need to pitch in.

Submitted by Gloria Mitchelson

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

April 24, 2008
Harborside Yacht Center
6:30 P.M.

Auctioneers
George Graubner and Jim Heyden



Bring your unwanted, unused items wrapped attractively for the house auction following the regular business meeting. You may bring more than one item. Be prepared to bid high and bid often for the mystery items of your choice as others vie for the same item (not necessarily nautical). Don't go home empty-handed!

Proceeds go to the club's general fund.

Members whose last names begin with A-M, please bring hearty appetizers/salads. Those whose last names begin with N-Z, please bring hearty appetizers/desserts.

**SNO-FUN CRUISE
MARCH 15, 2008
BOTANAS/MODJESKA THEATER**

Front row, Left to Right: Grey Halstead, Russ Berg, Craig Hesel
Back row, Left to Right: Pete Merryfield, Tom McElwee

Front row, Left to Right: Kim Hesel, Mary Berg, Cindy Halstead
Back row, Left to Right: Bonnie Merryfield, Tom McElwee, Judy Dorner, Cam McElwee

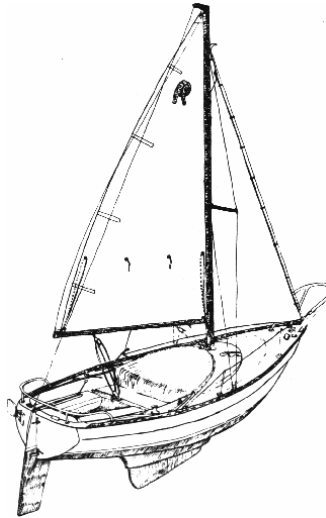
**ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF DINNER
MARCH 20, 2008**

Christina Berg & Lynne Happel serve the dinner.

Russ Berg supervises the kitchen Dave Risch carves the corned beef!

Left to Right: Lynne Happel, Cam McElwee, Daryl Grubbs,
Wayne Happel, Christina Berg, Tom McElwee

MBC SHOVE-OFF SPREE



Friday, May 9th
6:00 P.M. Cocktails
7:00 P.M. Dinner
Seven Seas Restaurant
1807 Nagawicka Rd., Hartland

MENU

Family Style Fish & Chicken
Fried Cod, Steam Baked Cod, Italian Baked Chicken
French Fries, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Coleslaw
Rye Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea, Milk
Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce
Cash Bar

Cost is \$25 per person.

Please mail your check soon, so we can get a count but no later than April 24th.

Tear off and mail this portion with your check (made payable to Milwaukee Boat Club) to:

Wayne Happel
17450 Echo Lane
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045

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