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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Spring is here. I just wish it would start showing itself! Boating season will be here soon...so let's think positive and hope that warmer weather will be here any day now!

The annual Fox and Hounds dinner was held on Wednesday, March 20th. Thirty-one people attended the event that was held in a private room. The food was delicious and atmosphere great! Captains Dave and Carollyn Schneckenberg did an excellent job again of planning this event. Dave had to change the date for us because of another club's conflict with ours. I know this was a lot of work and we appreciate all the effort and work Dave had to put into this. A special thank you to Dave and Carollyn.

Mark Saturday April 6th on your calendar for the "Skywaukee," Milwaukee's Walking Tour. MBC members will be exploring the early history of Milwaukee as seen from the warm and modern skywalk system. After the event, members will be meeting at Mo's Irish Pub for refreshments. Connie and I are looking forward to this day. Captain Tom McElwee is arranging this fun, educational event. Make sure you let him know by April 1st if you will be attending. Please see this issue of *The Runabout* and other e-mail blasts for more information about this event.

Our April 18th membership meeting is going to be held at the clubhouse. This will be the White Elephant auction run by captains Dave Dorner and Craig Hesper. This is always a fun event, so mark your calendars.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at these fun-filled events this month.

Jim Heyden



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

APRIL

6 Dick Grabowski
7 Leo Wagner
15 Dave Dorner

MAY

6 Gene Schnagl
13 Bob Kowalski
13 Gloria Larsen
19 Kim Hesper
22 Andy Baugher
26 Christine Grubbs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 6 | MBC Historical Walk
Downtown & Happy Hour
Captains: Tom & Cam McElwee |
| April 8 | MBC Captains & First Mates Lunch
Captain: Sandi Kowalski |
| April 18 | MBC Membership Meeting
& White Elephant Auction
Captains: Dorners & Hesper |
| May 10 | MBC Shove-Off-Spree Dinner
at Seven Seas Restaurant
Sr. Pilot: Scott Burke |
| May 13 | MBC Captains & First Mates Breakfast
Captain: Dave Dorner |
| May 26 | MBC Champagne/Cold Duck Party
Captains: Harveys & Halsteads |

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MBC LUNCHEON
APRIL 8th 11:30 A.M.

Open Flame
 5081 South 108th St.
 (Northwest corner of Hwy 100 and Edgerton)
[\(414\) 425-5177](tel:4144255177)

Please RSVP by Friday, April 5th to Sandi Kowalski at 414-421-6463 or Sandragiftofgab@aol.com so we can have an idea of how many to expect for seating. Separate checks will be available.



SCUTTLEBUTT

On March 9th, Wayne & Lynne Happel and Dave & Jackie Hohn boated from Fort Myers, FL. to Key West in four hours, foregoing the usual seven- to eight-hour drive. We boarded a 170 ft. high-speed catamaran (38 knots) that left Fort Myers at 8 a.m. and arrived in Key West at noon. We stayed in Key West for two nights at the beautiful Double Tree Hilton Hotel. This gave us almost three days in the Keys. We rented a car which we found more convenient and economical than taxi service.

Every day we drove into town and visited many of the attractions and restaurants Key West has to offer. The highlight for Wayne was to visit a raw bar on the boardwalk, order some oysters, light up a hand-rolled Puerto Rican cigar, and have a beer, all while basking in the Florida sun and gazing out into the ocean.

We took the time to drive along a stretch of the Key West highway that connects the islands all the way to the Seven Mile Bridge. The weather was sunny and in the mid 70's all the time we were there.

We highly recommend this trip. Round trip per couple is from \$238 to \$268, depending on the day of the week. Don't plan on one day since you get off the boat and in a few hours you must be back at the dock which leaves you no time to enjoy all that Key West has to offer.

Go to: www.seakeywestexpress.com and check it out. Give Wayne a call for more details.

IN SYMPATHY

Members of Milwaukee Boat Club were saddened to learn of the recent passing of former member Marilyn Hart. Marilyn and her husband Lee were long-time and very active members of MBC before moving to Lake Havasu City, AZ. Those of us who knew Marilyn will never forget her sweet smile and warm personality. As Lee asked of us, when we think of Marilyn, it will be with love, fond memories, and fun times. The entire club extends its sympathy and prayers to Lee and his family.

SKYWAUKEE: MILWAUKEE'S WALKING TOUR

What is Skywaukee: Explore the early history of Milwaukee from the warm and modern skywalk system. (See below for more information)

When is it: Saturday, April 6th at 12:45 P.M.

Where do we Meet: Meet in front of the T.J. Maxx entrance in the Plankinton Building (Shops of Grand Avenue Mall) 161 W. Wisconsin Ave (Southwest corner of Plankinton and Wisconsin Ave)

How long is the Tour: About 1½ to 2 hours

How much is the Tour: It's \$10 dollars, paid to the Tour Guide (Please have correct amount)

We Need Your Help! The number of members going will determine how many tour guides we need. Call me ([262-786-9687](tel:262-786-9687)) or email me (tommcelwee@yahoo.com) **no later than Monday, April 1st** to confirm the number going!!

Parking: Street parking is about \$3 but **only 2 Hours maximum**. The Parking Structure at Michigan and Plankinton (Southwest Corner– Old Gimbels Parking Lot – Enter on Plankinton) is \$6 all day and probably the best value. Parking in the Grand Avenue Structure (entrance on Plankinton) is \$4 for 1st hour, \$6 for 2 hours, \$8 for 3 hours and \$10 for 4 hours.

What's After the Tour: The plan is to meet at Mo's Irish Pub (Northwest Corner of Wisconsin Ave. and Plankinton) for refreshments.

More Tour Information: We will tour the Plankinton Arcade in the Grand Avenue and the skywalk above the Milwaukee River, where you will hear about the 3 cities that originally made Milwaukee, the "bridge wars," and the buildings along the river. The tour also explores Wisconsin Avenue, the Riverside Theater and the Federal building for a nice mix of the history of the people who built Milwaukee, as well as an overview of Milwaukee's most architecturally distinct buildings.

Submitted by Tom McElwee

MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB GOLFERS

I have put together some dates at Brookfield Hills Golf Course. The dates are as follows:

June 7th at 2:00 p.m.
June 27th at 2: 00 p.m.
July 19th at 2:00 p.m.
September 13th at 2:00 p.m.

The rates are \$10.00, 9 holes walking, and \$16.50, 9 holes with a cart. These are senior price for those over 62.

I am looking for dates in August and will advise Brookfield Hills cannot accommodate us for times in August. These dates are weather related.

Captain George Graubner

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION



April 18, 2013
Harborside Yacht Center
6:30 P.M.

Auctioneers
Hesers and Dorners



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 desserts. Those whose last names begin with N-Z, please bring hearty appetizers or salads.

MBC LAND CRUISE TO DOOR COUNTY OCTOBER 4th – 6th, 2013

Mark your calendars and plan now to enjoy MBC's Land Cruise to Door County, with lodging at the Scandinavian Lodge, 10506 Hwy 57, in Sister Bay. We have been given some incredible pricing for this picturesque lodge in Door County. We will be within walking distance of Sister Bay downtown restaurants and shops. The lodge offers both indoor and outdoor heated pools, an indoor whirlpool sauna, state-of-the-art fitness center, game room, ping pong, horseshoes, bike rentals, free wireless internet, and more.

MBC Members may choose to reserve a studio, a one-bedroom condo, or a two-bedroom condo. The condos are fully equipped with a kitchen, living room a queen-size sleeper, separate bedroom with a king-size bed, TV/DVD/VCR, gas fireplace, and a Jacuzzi double whirlpool. The two-bedroom condos are built to accommodate two or three couples each, with more bathroom and bedroom space.

Rates

Studio: \$130.00 per night

One-bedroom condo: \$150.00 per night

Two-bedroom Condo: \$180.00 per night

The Scandinavian Lodge will require a deposit at the time of the reservation in the amount of one-half the balance of the room. Our group of units will be blocked until August 23, 2013. After that date, all rooms not reserved by the group will be released for general sale. Scandinavian will then accept reservations on a space-available basis only.

Call 1-888-645-6343 to make your reservation, and make sure to mention our special rate. If you have any questions, ask for Robin Anschutz, the staff member working with our group.

George Graubner

BETSY ALISON TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT MIDWEST WOMEN'S SAILING CONFERENCE!

The third annual Midwest Women's Sailing Conference is being held on May 11, 2013 at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center. We are very excited to announce that this year's keynote speaker is Betsy Alison. The seminars offered at the conference are taught by women for women. Seminars are offered in everything from beginning sailing to diesel engines, safety at sea, racing tactics, sail care and weather just to mention a few of the offerings. Included with the conference are breakfast, lunch and a cocktail hour after the events of the day. We also have a silent auction and raffle items during the day. The conference offers women a great opportunity to meet and network with other women sailors in the Midwest. Attendees from past years have come from as far away as Kansas and the Netherlands! Don't miss this opportunity to attend the Midwest Women's Sailing Conference. For registration materials check out our website at www.womenssailing.org and for conference gear check out www.shopmwsc.org. The registration materials link is in the top left corner of the home page. See you May 11th!

MBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2013

Commodore Jim Heyden called the short meeting to order at 8:09 after the delicious dinner at the Fox and Hounds restaurant. The minutes from the February meeting were approved with no additions or subtractions.

Commodore Jim Heyden thanked Captain Dave Schneckenberg for planning this event. Jim mentioned that it was a lot of hard work to plan this and then change the date on such short notice. Everyone gave a round of applause to Dave Schneckenberg in appreciation for all he did.

Yeoperson Connie Heyden read a note from Captain George Graubner about the new golf outings that George has planned. Mark your calendars for June 27th, July 19th, and Sept. 23rd. See *The Runabout* for details.

George also wanted to remind everyone about the MBC Land Cruise coming up October 4th to 6th at the Scandinavian Lodge in Sister Bay. Sign up soon! See the *Runabout* for more details.

Director of House and Equipment Tom McElwee discussed the upcoming Skywaukee event, Milwaukee's Walking Tour that will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 12:45 p.m. Tom said the number of members going will determine how many tour guides we need, so please let him know by Monday, April 1st if you plan to attend. The plan is to meet at Mo's Irish Pub for refreshments after the tour. See this issue of *The Runabout* and other e-mail blasts about this fun event.

Commodore Jim Heyden reminded everyone to make sure they read LMYA Committee Chairman Jim

Mergener's important article in the last issue of *The Runabout* about "Spatial Planning." Before and after the meeting Connie Heyden and Mary Berg showed the red MBC polo shirts and hats that are for sale. Order forms were handed out. Sue Ring-Wagner modeled the woman's shirt. It was announced that we hope MBC members will buy at least one shirt per couple. See this *Runabout* for the order form

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Submitted by Yeoperson Connie Heyden

FOX & HOUNDS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On a cool wintry evening, the first day of spring, thirty-one brave members ventured to the scenic Fox & Hounds restaurant. The snow-covered roads provided an unexpected adventure.

The evening became more normal as we all met for drinks and conversation at the bar. It was there we learned that one of our female members is a soon-to-be Annie Oakley and two of our guys have purchased a soon-to-be pirate ship.

Eventually, everyone found their way to the Porch Room where tasty dinners were consumed. Wives made most mates believe the two-for-one entrées were actually one entrée for two meals. Wives were seen carrying home doggy bags, which mostly ended up on the dinner table as another meal.

Following the dinner, a short membership meeting was held. A great time was had by all.

Submitted by Dave Schneckenberg

**MBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND DINNER AT FOX & HOUNDS RESTAURANT
MARCH 20, 2013**



Kathy, Bob, Scott, Sandy, Barbara & Christine



Bob & Joe



Carollyn, Connie, Jim & Grey



Cam, Nita, Dave & Tom



Russ, Dick, Joann, Steve, Barb



Barb, Bill & Mary

**MBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND DINNER AT FOX & HOUNDS RESTAURANT
MARCH 20, 2013**



Nita & Dave



Tom & Bill



Commodore Jim Heyden



Event Captains Dave & Carolyn Schneckenberg



Grey & Cindy

**MBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND DINNER AT FOX & HOUNDS RESTAURANT
MARCH 20, 2013**



Joann & Steve



Dave, Leo & Russ figuring out the dinner bill



Dave & Jim



Russ & Carollyn

**FOR SALE
MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB SHIRTS AND HATS**

Spring and summer are coming soon. Time to get your wardrobe all set for warmer weather! Help support the MBC and order one of their shirts or hats.

ORDER NOW! WE HAVE LIMITED AMOUNTS OF EACH SIZE!

Fill out the form below and return with a check made out to Milwaukee Boat Club. Give or send your order form and check to:

Mary Berg
6837 Milwaukee Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Shirts and hats will be delivered in the late spring.

Woman's Short Sleeve Shirt: \$25.00

Size:

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large

\$25.00

Men's Short-Sleeve Shirt: \$25.00

Size:

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large

Hats: \$15.00

One Size Fits All

Total Amount Enclosed

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