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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The "Commodore's Ball" held on December 6th at SSYC was a huge success, and everyone had a good time. DJ/singer Dan Bertler was great, as was the food served. Thanks once more to Wayne Happel for putting together this event. Thank you also to club members for the special Commodore's gift of the beautiful clock, which I'm going to display on the wall in our barroom.

With the installation of the 2009 officers and Board of Directors, it's time for me to step aside, but I won't be leaving this great club. I'll still be involved in MBC's many activities. As I've said before, you only get out of a club what you put into it.

That's why I hope you'll all attend our planning meeting on January 22nd. (See the announcement in this issue). With the club's new leaders and lower gas prices, I'm sure 2009 will be another highly successful year for Milwaukee Boat Club.

Thank you again for all your strong support during the past two years. Bonnie and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Hope to see you all soon,

Pete Merryfield

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 22, 2009 Planning Meeting
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center (pizza)
(A-M bring hearty appetizers/salads;
N-Z bring desserts)



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

DECEMBER

16 Jo Ann Shaw
17 Diana Garnier
20 Pete Merryfield
22 Mary Bykowski
30 Bernie Larsen

JANUARY

3 Mary Berg
12 Jan-Marie Weiler
13 Bonnie Merryfield
13 Dale Peck
16 Todd Weiler
18 Polly Eastberg
18 Daryl Grubbs
18 Dick Tillmann
21 Tricia Peck
27 Dan Danowski
30 Shirley Harvey

DRY DOCK

Ellen Baugher, Jean Bluemner, and Tricia Peck have forwarded their thanks for your prayers, good thoughts, and the lovely floral arrangements sent by MBC following their recent surgeries.

Submitted by Charlene Zierden

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Commodore Pete Merryfield
 Vice-Commodore & Cruise Director Grey Halstead
 Senior Pilot Wayne Happel
 Purser Dave Dorner
 Yeoman Bonnie Merryfield
 Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield
 Director of Programs Jim Heyden
 Director of House & Equipment
 Directors of Refreshments.. Daryl and Christine Grubbs

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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 Bonnie Merryfield
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 Historians..... Cindy Halstead and Bonnie Merryfield
 Keeper of the Log
 Photographers Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesper, and
 Bonnie Merryfield

Please note the following changes to the MBC Directory:

1. Todd Weiler's new cell phone number is:
414-688-6401
2. Eliminate Daryl & Christine Grubbs' phone landline number. The cell phone number is in operation.
3. Lou & Shirley Weir's new cell phone number is:
414-795-7914
4. Dave Dorner's e-mail is ddorner@aol.com

Thursday, January 22, 2009 MBC Planning Meeting for 2009



Harborside Yacht Center Clubhouse
 6:30 P.M.

Come with ideas & calendars
 (and your appetites – we'll have pizza!)
 Those with last names beginning with A through S,
 please bring an appetizer. Those whose last names
 begin with T through Z, please bring desserts.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE MBC 2008 DIRECTORY

Please note the following addition to the MBC Directory:

Joe & Peggy Miotke
 N54 W30921 Windwood Dr.
 Hartland, WI. 53029
 (H) 262-367-4963
 (Joe's cell) 414-254-1806 (Peggy's cell) 414-881-2299
 E-Mail: jhmiotke@sbcglobal.net

Boat Info.:
 Summer Place
 Sea Ray
 33' T520
 SSYC E-18

Ideas for events and volunteers to captain events are needed for 2009. Start thinking about possibilities and bring contact information with you. Captains should be willing to organize the events or cruises by making plans, including reservations if necessary, and getting publicity to our Runabout editor in a timely manner.

For those unfamiliar with the planning process, Vice-Commodore Wayne Happel will distribute a tentative schedule based roughly on last year's activities.

Anyone may suggest an event or changes to an event held previously. Captains then volunteer to run the events.

Be sure to bring the dates of events held by other boating groups, including boat shows, etc.

COMMISSIONING OF THE USS FREEDOM LCS1



This is a Littoral class ship, the first one of its class. The commissioning took place on November 8th. The event was well attended by members of the Navy and all the other armed forces. The secretary of the Navy was present, and his flag was raised on the ship along with the commissioning flag. To complete the event, the son of US Army Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith, who was killed in Iraq and awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, presented the sight class to a crewmember. Sergeant Smith's wife, Mrs. Birgit Smith, is the ship's sponsor.

Submitted by Christine Grubbs

COMMODORE'S BALL 2008

Milwaukee Boat Club's 2008 "Commodore's Ball" was held December 6th at South Shore Yacht Club and couldn't have been a better way for more than 60 MBC members to usher in the holiday season. The yacht club was beautifully decorated for Christmas, and the elegantly-attired partygoers could only imagine the many hours and all the effort it had taken SSYC's entertainment committee to string the popcorn and cranberry garlands which were gracefully draped across the windows.

The evening began with socializing and cocktails, followed by a delicious dinner of tenderloin filet, Sicilian chicken, or Alaskan halibut.

Commodore Pete Merryfield, who served as the evening's emcee, thanked all the members for their strong support. Todd Weiler read the oath of installation to the new 2009 officers and Board of Directors, and Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield initiated Greg and Debbi Canak and Jim and Sally Mergener into MBC; the two couples were warmly welcomed into the club. Russ Berg, the 2007 "Fickle Finger of Fate" recipient, couldn't come up with anyone to pass the award on to, due, in part, to this past season's higher gas prices which prevented extensive cruising. (Mary is soooo happy to house the award for another year!)

On behalf of MBC, incoming Commodore Grey Halstead presented outgoing Commodore Pete with a beautiful clock mounted on an engraved plaque. After the program, club members partied and danced in the "Llly E" room to the popular music of DJ/singer Dan Bertler. Charlene Zierden, Jim Eastberg, and Wayne Happel were among those members taking a turn on the microphone.

Delicious food to eat, fabulous music to dance to, good friends to socialize with - all the ingredients for a memorable "Commodore's Ball!"

Bonnie Merryfield

MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Following a delicious "Ethnic Foods" dinner, the Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for November 20, 2008 was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Commodore Pete Merryfield.

The minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Pete thanked Vice-Commodore Grey Halstead for standing in for him at last month's meeting when Pete and Bonnie were in Florida.

Our guests for the evening were our speaker Chris Winters and his editor Jess Lothman.

Officers' Reports:

Vice-Commodore – No report.

Senior Pilot – Wayne Happel reminded members to read the invitation for the "Commodore's Ball" which appears in our November newsletter. Wayne would appreciate timely responses from those planning to attend. Guests are welcome.

Purser – Dave Dorner reported a 10/23/08 starting balance of \$1624.66. Total income for the period of 10/23/08 – 11/19/08 was \$0.00. Total expenses for that same period were \$280.00. Final balance as of 11/19/08 was \$1343.86. After checking last year's total income and total expenses, Dave informed us that we are ahead \$139.00 from last year.

Director of Membership – Bonnie Merryfield thanked Cindy Halstead for recording the minutes at last month's meeting. Bonnie also reminded members to turn in their MBC renewal forms and to send those (if there are no changes from last year's form, simply write "no changes" across the form), as well as dues for 2009, to her as soon as possible.

Director of Programs – Jim Heyden introduced our speaker for the evening. Jim also asked for members' input regarding a club outing to the "Titanic" exhibit at the Milwaukee Museum. Members indicated a favorable response and appreciated the background research that Jim and Connie had done with regard to group rates, times, etc. Details will be discussed at a later meeting.

Director of House & Equipment – No report.

Director of Refreshments – No report.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports at this time.

Any old business? – Not at this time.

Any new business? – Commodore Pete read the proposed slate of officers for 2009. The positions submitted to members for voting were as follows:

Commodore – Grey Halstead

Vice-Commodore – Wayne Happel

Senior Pilot – Daryl Grubbs

Purser – Dave Dorner

Yeoman – Cindy Halstead

Director of Membership – Bonnie Merryfield

Director of Programs – Jim Heyden

Director of House & Equipment – Tom McElwee

Director of Refreshments – Leo Wagner

Past-Commodore – Pete Merryfield

The slate was voted upon and unanimously passed by those members in attendance.

Sue Ring-Wagner has graciously agreed to serve as "Keeper of the Log."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. Club members then enjoyed an excellent presentation by Chris Winters, author, photojournalist, and official photographer for Discovery World.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bonnie Merryfield
Yeoman**

EDITOR'S NOTE



I would like to include a short note from my family (including my eight month-old daughter, Sophia, pictured above) to yours. May you have a healthy and happy holiday season. Thank you for the many wonderful contributions to the newsletter this year and I look forward to working with everyone again in 2009.

Liz Beaudoin

MBC MEETING AND ETHNIC FOOD NIGHT NOVEMBER 20, 2008



Commodore Pete Merryfield calls the meeting to order.



Left to right: Wayne & Lynne Happel, Shirley & Lou Weir, Polly & Jim Eastberg



Left to right: Tom McElwee, Sue Ring-Wagner & Leo Wagner, Sharon & Chuck Lustig, Cam McElwee



Left to right: Linda Nelson, Sam Graubner, Connie & Jim Heyden

MBC MEETING AND ETHNIC FOOD NIGHT NOVEMBER 20, 2008



Left to right: Pete Merryfield, George Graubner, Grey & Cindy Halstead, Bonnie Merryfield



Our speaker Chris Winters, photojournalist, author, "Discovery World" photographer



Our "Money Man," purser Dave Dorner

AHOY, MATEY! IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2009 DUES!



The MBC bylaws state, all dues are payable on or before December 1st of each year. Any member whose annual dues have not been paid to the club purser by December 1st shall be deemed in arrears and not in good standing. If a member has not paid his annual dues to the club purser by January 1st, the membership shall be terminated, his name shall be removed from the roll of members, and he shall cease to be a member of the club.

If you are planning on NOT rejoining (we hope not), you MUST notify either the commodore or the yeoman in writing of such desire, so the club has an accurate list of members for the 2009 Cruise Directory. Because new members accepted in 2008 paid dues on a prorated basis, they are now required to pay 2009 dues.

2009 MBC Dues Notice

All members: fill out this form completely. Print or type, as information is used for printing the membership roster in the 2009 cruise directory. If there are no changes from last year, write "no changes" across the renewal form. Make checks payable to "Milwaukee Boat Club" and mail them to Bonnie Merryfield, N8 W31219 Salem Ct., Delafield, WI 53018-2921.

PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 1, 2008: \$70

Note: Dues for age 65 or older are reduced and are \$50 per year.

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