



# THE RUNABOUTER

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We had an excellent turnout for the MBC "Educational Meeting and Ethnic Food Night" on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Christine and Daryl Grubbs showed pictures and discussed their trip to China. The photographs were fascinating, and Christine gave us insight into China's culture and current condition. Thanks to Christine and Daryl for their wonderful presentation and to Jim Heyden for organizing it. We had the best selection of ethnic food that I have seen and tasted in many meetings. Thanks to all who participated.

The MBC Commodore's Ball held at the Clarion Hotel was very successful with the largest attendance in years (a total of 54!) The Clarion's food was superb, and DJ/Singer Dan Bertler's performance was great. Everyone there was definitely getting into the holiday spirit. Thanks to Senior Pilot Daryl Grubbs for putting together this event.

If you have not sent in your MBC membership dues, please do so soon. Mail the membership renewal form (included in this issue) and a check to Bonnie Merryfield. If there are no changes, simply write "No Changes" across the form. We hope you all will join us for another successful year; thank you.

Our next meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> sets the agenda for 2010. This planning meeting is very important to attend. The club is looking for new ideas to enhance our calendar of events. Vice-Commodore Wayne Happel will be conducting the planning. See you there.

Cindy and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous and Happy New Year.

**Grey Halstead**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21, 2010 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  
26 Barbara Burke  
30 Bernie Larsen

### JANUARY

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

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**OFFICERS**

Commodore ..... Grey Halstead  
 Vice-Commodore & Cruise Director ..... Wayne Happel  
 Senior Pilot ..... Daryl Grubbs  
 Purser ..... Dave Dörner  
 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

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 ..... Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden  
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 ..... Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**  
**MBC Planning Meeting for 2010**



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.

Ideas for events and volunteers to captain events are needed for 2010. 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.

## MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2009

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for Thursday, November 19, 2009 was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by Commodore Grey Halstead.

The minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Grey thanked Bonnie Merryfield for her dedication and great job as club photographer. Taking over as club photographers are the "4-H-ers," Cindy Halstead, Patty Heibel, Kim Hesel, and Connie Heyden.

Senior Pilot Daryl Grubbs reported 40 members signed up so far for the Commodore's ball. Daryl has 30% off coupons for the Clarion if anyone would like to stay overnight. "Dan the Music Man" will be the entertainment for the evening.

Purser's report: October 22, 2009 starting balance of \$2,180.19. Total income for the period of 10/22/2009 through 11/18/2009 was \$1,331.00, and total expenses were \$636.48. Final balance as of November 18, 2009 was \$2,874.71.

Director of Membership, Bonnie Merryfield announced a reminder to get the 2010 dues into her by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pete Merryfield continued the meeting by announcing the by-laws for second year election of Milwaukee Boat Club officers. The members unanimously voted current officers to their second year to be held in 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. followed by a wonderful slide presentation by Daryl and Christine Grubbs on their trip to China.

**Cindy Halstead  
Yeoman**

## EDITOR'S NOTE



It is hard for me to believe it's been nearly three years since I became editor of *The Runabouter*. I have so enjoyed getting to know the club members and I look forward to getting to know even more of you in 2010. I hope that you enjoy reading each issue and that you will never hesitate to call or e-mail with articles or photos for *The Runabouter*. My phone number is 414-747-9379, and my e-mail address is lbeau@uwalumni.com.

Please accept warm wishes from my husband Chris, my daughter Sophia (pictured above) and me for a happy and healthy holiday season.

**Liz Beaudoin**

## COMMODORE'S BALL 2009

The 2009 Milwaukee Boat Club Commodore's Ball was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel. After the beautiful pre-dinner prayer by Bonnie Merryfield, 52 members and 2 guests enjoyed wonderful dinners of filet mignon, chicken cordon bleu and seafood stuffed sole. Following dinner, Commodore Grey Halstead recognized the club's Past Commodores that were in attendance and Todd Weiler then gave the club oath to the 2010 officers. Russ Berg followed up by presenting the "Fickle-Finger-of-Fate" award to.....himself. This is the 3rd year in a row Russ has been bestowed of this un-prestigious award...anyone see a trend here? Members danced the night away to the music provided by Dan Bertler (Back in the Day Dan).

**Daryl Grubbs**

## EDUCATIONAL AND ETHNIC FOOD NIGHT NOVEMBER 19, 2009



Past-Commodore Pete Merryfield reads the slate of nominated officers for 2010 as Commodore Grey Halstead looks on.



Getting ready to present their program on their trip to China are Daryl & Christine Grubbs



Chuck & Sharon Lustig, George Finch, Leo Wagner



Dale & Tricia Peck

## EDUCATIONAL AND ETHNIC FOOD NIGHT NOVEMBER 19, 2009



Peggy Miotke & Lynne Happel



Dan & Donna Danowski



Sandi Kowalski listens intently to the program



Leader of the Clean-Up Crew Tom McElwee runs a mean vacuum cleaner!

# AHOY, MATEY! IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2010 DUES!



The MBC bylaws state, all dues are payable on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any member whose annual dues have not been paid to the club purser by December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 2010 Cruise Directory. Because new members accepted in 2009 paid dues on a prorated basis, they are now required to pay 2010 dues.

### 2010 MBC Dues Notice

All members: fill out this form completely. Print or type, as information is used for printing the membership roster in the 2010 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, 2009: \$70

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Significant Other's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/date of Spouse/Significant Other's Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Mailing Address (Retirees): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

What Months? \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Single or Twin and Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_ If Sail, Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Where is boat kept during boating season? \_\_\_\_\_ Slip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I carry liability insurance on my boat with (company name): \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member/Boat Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

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