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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I hope this find everyone having had a great Thanksgiving. This is one of my favorite holidays – no gifts to worry about, just sending lots of love and happy thoughts of times spent with loved ones.

I am especially thankful for the members of Milwaukee Boat Club and their “step-up-to the-plate” attitude. Since Russ and I were out of town for the November meeting, we could not attend. Thanks to Scott Burke for locating the educational video. Thanks to Dave Dorner for handing the meeting and to Dave Schneckenberg and Tom McElwee for procuring the location. As you are probably aware, Scott Burke underwent major back surgery in early November. Not much slows Scott down, and he felt he could hold the meeting ten days following his surgery. His doctor might have felt a drive from Cedarburg to Waukesha was a bit over the edge. We hope to see Scott out on the dance floor at the Ball.

It is with sadness that this will be the last newsletter produced by Liz Beaudoin. Thanks for all her years of service. Liz will be missed.

Monday Madness was held at the Knickerbocker. Thanks to Denis Molloy and Tom McElwee. It was great to see what renovations were made to that downtown landmark. It was nice to have an event in Milwaukee. After all, we are the MILWAUKEE Boat Club.

If anyone has ideas for future Monday Madness locations, please bring them to the January planning meeting. New ideas for events are always welcomed.

There appears to be a “hold” on our activities during the months of December and January, with the exception of the ball on the 5th of December, and our planning meeting on the 21st of January.

Both Russ and I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mary Berg

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21, 2016

MBC Planning Meeting
Captain: Scott Burke



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

DECEMBER

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
16 Todd Weiler
21 Tricia Peck
25 Bill Newby
27 Dan Danowski

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 and Todd Weiler

BOATING QUIZ

(Answers are on page 3)

1. Name the woman owner of the largest sailing yacht ever built. (Remember the quiz book this is from was written in 1989. G.M.)
2. In one of the most sensational news media binges of all times, a movie idol was accused of raping a starlet named Peggy Satterlee aboard a boat. Who was the movie idol and what was the name of his yacht?
3. Just as you are approaching the small opening to a large marina, you hear one long blast of an air-horn. What should you do?
4. You're on a charter boat in Martinique. You and another couple are having a fine time in the big harbor. But then a boat with a half-dozen French men and women comes into the harbor. You like the topless women aboard, but you have sharp words with the men when they try to anchor too near. Finally they leave, but first one of the men shouts, "Zere would not be a United States eef eet was not for zee French." To what was he probably referring?
5. How high was the biggest recorded wave in history?

Gloria Mitchelson

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Dear members of MBC,

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue of *The Runabout*, I have resigned as editor. I will miss all of the wonderful people who have worked with me, submitting material month after month. I cannot believe I have been editor for nine years, but I could not have done it without a lot of help.

In particular, I'd like to thank the commodores I've worked with – Pete Merryfield, Grey Halstead, Jim Heyden, Wayne Happel, and now Mary Berg – for your patience and professionalism. I have learned a lot from you. Thank you, too, to Bonnie for your many kind, funny, generous, and professional communications over the years. I feel blessed to have worked with all of you. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Liz Beaudoin
Editor

BOATING QUIZ ANSWERS

(From page 2)

1. Cereal heiress Marjorie Post Hutton owned the *Sea Cloud*, a 316-foot, four-masted bark, from 1931 to 1948. The *Sea Cloud*, refurbished now and in the charter trade, originally carried a crew of 72.
2. A bisexual athlete named Errol Flynn was the accused. Although the beautiful *Sirocco*, still in the charter trade in the Caribbean today, was his most famous yacht, Peggy Satterlee claimed the rape occurred aboard Flynn's *Zaca*.
3. This signal (too rarely used and even less understood) means that somebody who knows what he or she is doing is about to come out of the marina. You should wait. (I remember seeing some close colliding incidents in the North Gap.G.M.)
4. Lafayette was some help to the American colonies in their fight for freedom. But this mouthy Frenchman was probably referring to the Battle of Chesapeake Bay. In the summer of 1781, Admiral de Grasse, with the French Fleet, wiped up the British under Graves, this cutting off General Cornwallis, who was then forced to surrender to George Washington at Yorktown. (This is your history lesson for the day. G.M.)
5. The USS *Ramapo*, in 1933, actually measured a wave that was 112 feet high. Having lived through it, all those aboard no doubt agreed that they never wanted to see another like it.

Past Commodore, Jim Heyden mentioned to everyone that we have a terrific club and that everyone should probably work on getting new members to join MBC.

Wayne Happel said he did not have anything new on LMYA, but wanted to discuss the September picnic. He reminded everyone that we had discussed and voted on having the picnic at Fox Brook Park again this year. Wayne said he would stand in line to make sure he could get that date and time but would need a volunteer to help him on that early morning in January. Tom McElwee and Grey Halstead volunteered to help him along with a few other MBC members.

Senior Pilot Dave Dorner sadly announced that our MBC *Runabout* Editor, Liz Beaudoin, was resigning from being editor. It was discussed that Liz had done a wonderful job for our club and that she would be greatly missed. Dave then asked if anyone was interested in being editor. It was then discussed if we want to continue to have a newsletter. A vote was taken. It was a unanimous vote in favor of continuing to have *The Runabout*. Dave then told people to think about if they knew anyone that would want the job.

Senior Pilot then introduced the excellent programs, John Gurda's "Milwaukee: City Built on Water." The meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

MINUTES FROM MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB'S NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Senior Pilot, Dave Dorner, who was filling in for Commodore Mary Berg. The meeting was held at Albanese's Roadhouse.

Senior Pilot Dave Dorner welcomed the twenty-two members who attended and explained we would have the meeting first, then pizza, and last would be the educational part of the program.

Purser Dave Schneckenberg explained that Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield sent a message to everyone to remember to send in their 2016 dues by DEC. 1. It was mentioned that we already had quite a few people rejoin already.

Tom McElwee discussed that our clubhouse was still not ready, but he would keep us posted on its progress.

**MINUTES OF
THE DECEMBER 5, 2015 MEETING OF
MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB**

A short meeting of the Milwaukee Boat Club was called to order following the Commodore's Ball Dinner at South Shore Yacht Club.

Commodore, Mary Berg, thanked everyone for coming and hope that they all enjoyed their meals.

Vice Commodore, Scott Burke, wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Senior Pilot, Dave Dorner, reminded members to take a candy cane and to mark their calendars for the planning meeting on January 21st.

Purser, Dave Schneckenberg, reported that the club had an approximate balance of \$4,000.00.

Past Commodore, Jim Heyden, also reminded the group of the planning meeting.

Membership Director, Bonnie Merryfield, thanked the members for getting their dues in on a timely basis, and indicated that three members had not paid, but that she had received payment from 35 members.

Program Director, Bob Kowalski, indicated that he was working on future presentations.

House and Equipment Director, Tom McElwee, had no report.

Refreshment Director, Leo Wagner, had no report.

Wayne Happel, LYMA Committee, had no report.

Pete Merryfield, Advertising Committee, reporting that he was looking for advertisers.

Dave Dorner, as webmaster, had no report.

Charlene Zierden, for Dry Dock and Welfare, had no report. We noted that Vice Commodore Scott Burke, had come through his back surgery and was on the road to recovery.

Nancy Grabowski for Club Sales, had no report.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

The next meeting will be held at The Zierden Company on January 21, 2016 to set the schedule for the year.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Russ Berg, Yeoman**

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AHOY, MATEY! IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2016 DUES!

The MBC bylaws (Article VI, Section 1) state, all dues are payable on or before December 1st of each year. If a member has not paid his annual dues in full to the club Purser or Director of Membership by January 31st, membership shall be terminated, and he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the club. The Board of Directors, however, upon receipt of satisfactory explanation, may grant an extension of time for such payment

If you are not planning to rejoin MBC, you need to notify either the Commodore, the Director of Membership, or the Yeoman in writing of such desire, so the club has an accurate list of members for the 2016 Cruise Directory. (Page 39, 2015 MBC Directory). Because new members accepted in 2015 paid dues on a prorated basis, they are now required to pay 2015 dues.

2016 MBC Dues Notice

All members: fill out this form completely. Print or type, as information is used for printing the membership roster in the 2016 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, 2015: \$70

Note: Regular dues for age 65 or older by the date dues are to be paid (December 1st) are reduced and are \$50.00 per year for the upcoming year."

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