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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The snow was coming down, the wind was blowing, and it was cold, but the 32 MBC members who braved the weather to make it to the "Commodore's Ball" on Saturday night had a great time. The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center took care of us in exceptional fashion with complimentary hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail hour and wine with our dinner. Everyone said the meal was excellent.

We had a great time dancing to our DJ Dan Bertler (who had driven in from West Bend) and his performance of hits from Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Gene Pitney, Neil Diamond, Johnny Mathis, and Glen Campbell to name just a few. Denis Molloy, Pat Moran, Lynda Nelson, Dave and Judy Dorner were up at the mike singing along with Dan. Who ever said Erv and Jean can't dance? We were also glad to see Lee and Marilyn Hart, whom we don't see nearly as much as we'd like now that they winter in Arizona.

2007 was a big year for the Milwaukee Boat Club. I know we can all be proud of our MBC website. The "50th Anniversary" celebration was a huge success, and, as I said to Bonnie on the way to the "Commodore's Ball," "If we had to have good weather for this or the '50th, I'd rather have had it for the '50th."

The weather cooperated for our 2007 events, which were all well-attended. Thanks to all the people who contributed to this fun-filled year. I know that 2008 will be just as successful for the club.

Our next very important meeting will be on January 24th at 6:30 P.M. at the clubhouse. Vice-Commodore Grey Halstead will be in charge of planning the club's 2008 activities. Please try to attend. Pizza will be provided. Remember, you only get out of the club what you put into it. We definitely want members' input on the events that we schedule for this coming year.

Bonnie and I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Pete Merryfield

Thursday, January 24, 2008 MBC Planning Meeting for 2008



Harborside Yacht Center Clubhouse
6:30 P.M.

Come with ideas & calendars
(and your appetites – we'll have pizza!)

Ideas for events and volunteers to captain events are needed for 2008. 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 Grey Halstead 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.



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

DECEMBER

17 Diana Garnier
20 Pete Merryfield
22 Mary Bykowski
30 Bernie Larsen

JANUARY

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

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I just want to take this opportunity to you all for your positive feedback regarding *The Runabout*. Obviously, your contributions over the past eight months are what make this newsletter a success. Please enjoy the cookie recipe below as my gift to you. It is always a hit with my friends and family around the holidays. I look forward to continuing as editor in 2008. I wish everyone in MBC a safe and happy holiday season. Keep the contributions coming!

Liz Beaudoin

Razz-Ma-Tazz Bars

Ingredients: ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
2 cups (12-oz. pkg) white morsels
2 large eggs
½ cup granulated sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. almond extract
½ cup seedless raspberry jam
¼ cup toasted sliced almonds

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease and sugar 9-inch-square baking pan.
2. Melt butter in medium, microwave-safe bowl on high (100%) power for 1 minute; stir. Add 1 cup of morsels; let stand. Do not stir.
3. Beat eggs in large mixer bowl until foamy. Add sugar; beat until light lemon colored, about 5 minutes. Stir in morsel-butter mixture. Add flour, salt, and almond extract; mix at low speed until combined. Spread 2/3 of batter into prepared pan.
4. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until light golden brown around edges. Remove from oven to wire rack.
5. Heat jam in small, microwave-safe bowl on high (100%) power for 30 seconds; stir. Spread jam over warm crust. Stir *remaining* morsels into remaining batter. Drop spoonfuls of batter over jam. Sprinkle with almonds.
6. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until edges are browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

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MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES November 15, 2007

The MBC meeting for November 15, 2007 was called to order at 6:55 P.M. by Commodore Pete Merryfield.

The minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting were read and approved with no corrections or additions.

Officers' Reports:

Vice-Commodore – no report.

Senior Pilot – Wayne Happel reported that there is still time to get reservations in for the Commodore's Ball to be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center on December 1st. 5:30 = cocktails; 6:30 = dinner; 7:30 = ceremony. There will also be an optional gift exchange. Details are on the MBC website and in the November Runabout. You may also call Wayne if you have any questions.

The next "Captains (First Mates) Breakfast" will be on Dec. 11th.

Purser – Dave Dorner reported a November 14, 2007 starting balance of \$1,676.23. Total income for the period of 5/17/07 through 10/24/07 was \$684.00. Total expenses for that same period were \$245.16 for an overall gain of \$438.84. Cash accounts totaled \$1,072.33 for a final balance of \$2,115.07.

Director of Membership – Bonnie Merryfield reminded members that 2008 dues are due December 1st. Bonnie also installed Lynda Nelson as our newest MBC member. Welcome to MBC, Lynda!

Director of Programs – Jim Heyden announced that our educational program for tonight will feature John Enright who will speak on "Lighthouses In and Near Milwaukee."

Jim also asked members to let him know if they have any suggestions for future speakers.

Director of House & Equipment – We are looking to fill this position. The person taking this position makes sure that all our clubhouse equipment is in good working order.

Directors of Refreshments – no report.

Webmaster – no report.

Committee Reports:
LMYA – no report.

Advertising – no report.

Scuttlebutt – no report.

Dry Dock & Welfare – no report.

Club Sales – no report. Don't forget that additional MBC insulated tumblers are still available for \$7.00.

Any old business? – In response to a question regarding the amount saved by the club since posting *The Runabout* on MBC's website, it was estimated approximately \$600.00 has been saved in printing costs and postage.

Any new business? – Officers for 2008 were nominated. The slate passed, and those who will serve as officers and on the Board of Directors during the coming year are as follows:

Commodore – Pete Merryfield
Vice-Commodore – Grey Halstead
Senior Pilot – Wayne Happel
Purser – Dave Dorner
Yeoman/Director of Membership – Bonnie Merryfield
Director of Programs – Jim Heyden
Co-Directors of Refreshments – Daryl & Christine Grubbs
Webmaster – Daryl Grubbs

Dave Dorner informed members that new 2008 "Powerboater" calendars are available for \$7.00. Sailors may cut out pictures of sailboats and tape them over the powerboats.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. Following a delicious pizza dinner, we enjoyed John Enright's entertaining and informative presentation on "Lighthouses In and Near Milwaukee."

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Merryfield
Yeoman – Milwaukee Boat Club

Introducing Lynda Nelson....



The newest member of Milwaukee Boat Club is Lynda Nelson whose name and face may be familiar to many of us in the club. Lynda has attended many MBC events and served as interim *Runabout* editor earlier this year. She turned in her membership application at "Pieces of Eight" as she was helping to assemble name badges at MBC's "50th Anniversary" celebration. With the warm welcome Lynda gave former MBC members, many assumed she was an active member. However, to those of us who have known her, that is simply Lynda, pitching in and helping wherever she is needed. Lynda was officially installed as an MBC member at our November educational meeting.

Lynda grew up in Bay View and attended Bay View High School. She graduated from Carroll College in Waukesha with a degree in elementary education and went on to earn her Master of Fine Arts degree from UW-Whitewater. Throughout her 34-year teaching career, Lynda taught kindergarten, third grade, and sixth grade in Mukwonago at Big Bend and Clarendon Elementary Schools. Since retiring last year, Lynda continues to substitute teach grades K – 8, primarily in the Mukwonago School District. She lives in Greendale where she loves the close-knit community atmosphere.

Lynda is the proud mother of two sons; David is 22 and will graduate on December 16th from UWM's School of Business. Daniel is 27, teaches sixth grade at Clarendon Elementary School in Mukwonago, and is working on his master's degree. Daniel also coaches boys' and girls' soccer and is in charge of the fifth and sixth grade intramural sports program.

Lynda is an animal lover who has two cats that she adopted from another teacher who had found the kittens in a woodpile. "Big Dog" and his brother "Magic" are handsome 14-year-old black cats who now weigh 20 and 22 pounds, respectively, and provide much love and companionship to Lynda's family.

Lynda's love of boating began when she canoed with her former husband whose parents were active in the Milwaukee Canoe Club. Her vacation home is the cottage on Lake Poygon near Freemont where she canoed in the early '70's. Lynda's current boat is a 19' Four Winds in which she cruises to Freemont, Winneconne, Oshkosh, and New London.

Besides boating, one of Lynda's top interests is traveling. She recently returned from a trip to Hawaii where she combined another favorite pastime, walking, with sightseeing and enjoying the beautiful beaches. Closer to home, Lynda has also traveled to Canada, Alaska, and throughout the United States. She has traveled to and backpacked in Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Rio De Janeiro, and Thailand. She has traveled to Europe three times, and in June and July of 2008, Lynda will travel to Germany to perform with her bell choir. When the choir leaves to return home, Lynda will remain in Europe to do more traveling. This coming February, she is headed for Matamoros, Mexico. Lynda says that in the future she would really like to travel to the Scandinavian countries. Wherever she travels, Lynda likes to do her own touring and to sightsee at her own pace. She doesn't mind traveling on her own and has met wonderful people on her travels.

Besides her extensive traveling, Lynda enjoys playing and listening to music and working out at her health and fitness club.

Busy Lynda learned of MBC from longtime friends and MBC members the Heydens, the Bergs, and the Merryfields. After attending numerous MBC events, Lynda said she "decided to join because of the club's friendly and interesting people who enjoy being outdoors." Now that she's retired, Lynda has more time to pursue interests that she lacked time for in the past. To friendly and fun-loving Lynda, the Milwaukee Boat Club extends a hearty and heartfelt "Welcome Aboard!"

By Bonnie Merryfield

EDUCATIONAL NIGHT NOVEMBER 15, 2007



Speaker John Enright presents "Lighthouses In and Near Milwaukee"



Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield formally installs Lynda Nelson as MBC's newest member



Pizza's a great way to end the evening!



AHOY, MATEY! IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2008 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 2008 Cruise Directory. Because new members accepted in 2007 paid dues on a prorated basis, they are now required to pay 2008 dues.

2008 MBC Dues Notice

All members: fill out this form completely. Print or type, as information is used for printing the membership roster in the 2008 cruise directory. 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, 2007: \$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: _____

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Policy number: _____

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