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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I hope you and your families are keeping warm during this polar vortex. I bet all you snowbirds are really glad that you are missing this fantastic winter!

Our January membership meeting was well attended. I am happy to say the new bylaws were passed unanimously! A special thank you goes to Dick and Nancy Grabowski and the MBC Board members for all their hard work.

The second half of our meeting was planning the calendar for 2014. The Vice-Commodore always runs this part of the meeting. Vice-Commodore Mary Berg did a great job of leading the members in planning and scheduling for our calendar for 2014.

We had many members volunteer to captain old and new events. Thank you to all the new captains of events. I think 2014 will be another fun-filled year for our club. Please look at the new 2014 calendar of events and activities in this issue of *The Runabout* and mark your calendar accordingly.

Tom McElwee and I met with Craig Duchow at CenterPointe to discuss the status of the clubhouse. We will be able to use it for our March meeting.

I am looking forward to the February MBC meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20 held at the South Shore Yacht Club upstairs dining room. This will be the Educational meeting captained by Director of Programs by Bob Kowalski. We will have a regular meeting followed by the educational program.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the upcoming "Sno-Fun" Cruise. Look in this issue of *The Runabout* or in upcoming e-mail blasts for details. Connie and I are looking forward to seeing you at the February events! Keep warm!

Jim Heyden



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

FEBRUARY

2 Judy Dörner
9 Jim Goodnetter
15 Joe Miotke
18 Erv Bluemner
20 Steve Shaw
26 Margaret Robinson

MARCH

5 Connie Heyden
8 Dave Risch
9 Jim Mergener
10 George Graubner
12 Dave Schneckenberg
14 Lynda Nelson
16 Wayne Happel
16 Lynn Verhasselt
25 Donna Danowski
28 Scott Burke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The entire 2014 calendar of events is printed in this issue. Please save it for future reference. Excerpts of the calendar will be included in future issues throughout the year.

The Runabout deadline is the 24th of each month to enable publication on the 1st.

The Captains' (First Mates') get-together has been renamed "Monday Madness," and will run as scheduled on the events calendar in this issue. Check future issues of *The Runabout*, MBC's web site, www.milwaukeeboatclub.com, or your e-mail for details.

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

20 MBC Membership Meeting (pizza)
& Educational Program
South Shore Yacht Club
Captains: Kowalskis

22 Sno-Fun Cruise, Miller Brewer Tour & More
Captains: Verhasselts & McElwees

March

10 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: Happels

20 MBC Membership Meeting

April

2 Fox & Hounds Excursion
Captains: Schneckenbergs

7 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: McElwees

17 MBC Membership Meeting
& White Elephant Auction
Captains: Dorners

May

9 MBC Shove-Off-Spree Dinner
at Seven Seas Restaurant
Captains: Burkes

19 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: Halsteads

24 or 25 MBC Champagne/Cold Duck Party
Captains: Halsteads & Merryfields

June

9 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: Merryfields

14 & 15 (tentative) LMYA Cruise to Pt. Washington
Captains: Mergeners

July

14 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: Bergs

18-20 MBC & SSYC Cruise to Racine
Captains: Grabowskis

August

4 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: Heydens

16 MBC Inland Lake Cruise
Captains: Dorners & Schneckenbergs

September

7 MBC Annual Picnic
Captains: Burkes

22 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: Heydens

October

3-5 T.B.A. Trip
Captains: Bergs & Heydens

6 Monday Madness
Captains: Dorners

16 MBC Membership Meeting with
Educational Program
Captains: Kowalskis

November

10 MBC Monday Madness
Captains: Miotkes

20 MBC Meeting & Trivia Night
with Officer Elections
Captains: Hesers

December

6 MBC Commodore's Ball
Captains: Burkes

January 15, 2015 MBC Event Planning Meeting

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Commodore Jim Heyden
 Vice-Commodore & Cruise DirectorMary Berg
 Senior Pilot.....Scott Burke
 Purser Dave Schneckenberg
 Yeoman.....Connie Heyden
 Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield
 Director of ProgramsBob Kowalski
 Director of House & Equipment Tom McElwee
 Director of Refreshments.....Leo Wagner
 Past-Commodore Wayne Happel

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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 Bonnie Merryfield, and Connie Heyden
 Keeper of the Log..... Sue Ring-Wagner
 PhotographerCindy Halstead, Kim Hesel,
 Bonnie Merryfield, and Connie Heyden
 Publishers of Club Directory Bonnie Merryfield
 and Todd Weiler

UPDATE ON CLUB MEETING ROOM

Jim Heyden and Tom McElwee recently meet with Craig Duchow, Principle and General Manager of CenterPointe Marina to discuss the availability of the CenterPointe meeting room for our club's meetings. Craig indicated that he would clear out the room and have it available starting the month of March. We will keep you posted on upcoming meetings and location.



SCUTTLEBUTT

Birthday buddies Dale Peck and Bonnie Merryfield celebrated their January 13th birthdays at South Shore Yacht Club. Dale likes telling Bonnie that she's older than he is - by 10 minutes!



**MBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 AND EDUCATIONAL NIGHT
 FEB 20, 2014**

Location: South Shore Yacht Club
 Upstairs dining room

Captain: Bob Kowalski

Pizza will be ordered at the club

Those with last names beginning with A-L bring hearty appetizers / salads; M-Z bring appetizers / desserts

Bring your most pressing boat insurance questions and learn everything you wanted to know about boating insurance but were afraid to ask your own agent!

Our guest speaker will be Brittany Taylor of the Dennis Hartigan State Farm Insurance Agency.

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2014 MBC MEETING

Commodore Jim Heyden called the meeting to order at 6:50. Jim welcomed everyone on this cold, snowy night to the warm, cozy, atmosphere of Albanese's Restaurant in Waukesha. He explained that he would be running the regular part of the meeting and that, as always, the Vice-Commodore would run the part of planning the calendar. The November 21, 2013 minutes were approved as published in *The Runabout*.

Senior Pilot Scott Burke said everyone had a good time at the MBC Ball in December. Members gave him a round of applause and many positive comments were made about this event. He asked for members' opinions on where to have the MBC Ball next year. People said that they like hotel locations. Members suggested different places. He said he would look into it and get back to members with ideas.

A round of applause welcomed Purser Dave Schneckenberg. He presented the purser report. He said that we had a beginning balance of \$ 2,321.59, income of \$2,916.00, disbursements of \$2530.96, with an ending balance of \$2,706.63.

Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield said that we had almost everyone rejoin our club. It was discussed that a few couples had moved away. Bonnie reported that we have 85 members.

New Director of Programs Bob Kowalski was given a hearty welcome by members. He said that he had an insurance representative coming to speak at the February MBC meeting. Bob said he would send out more information later.

Tom McElwee, Director of House and Equipment, said the availability of the clubhouse at CenterPointe was still up in the air. He suggested that we get a different place for the February meeting. Commodore Jim Heyden said that Tom and he would set up a meeting with CenterPointe to update what is happening.

Leo Wagner, Director of Refreshments, said he had no news, but suggested that we have a "winter picnic" to use the wine we have.

Runabout Report – Please get your info to Liz, the editor, by the 24th, if possible, for the next month's newsletter. Connie Heyden suggested that when you send something to Liz, you ask her to confirm receipt. Sometimes, things go to spam by accident, and she doesn't receive them.

Peter Merryfield was welcomed back after his recent heart surgery. He suggested that people let him know if they know anyone who would like to advertise. It was suggested that Russ Berg help him with this.

A nice round of applause was given to former Purser and new Webmaster, Dave Dorner. Dave said that after many hours, he had everything up and running.

It was discussed that the club should send cards to and call certain members who need well wishes.

Old Business - Sales of shirts and hats were discussed. Mary Berg said that she had the extras and would send out a list of prices again in the *Runabout*.

Grey Halstead discussed burgees. Some members said they would like to buy them. Commodore Jim Heyden had some with him to show members. It was discussed to put an order form in the *Runabout* about burgees. A discussion followed on Commodore burgees and regular burgees.

Jim Heyden discussed all the time that was put into writing the new bylaws. Members were asked if there was any discussion before the vote was to be taken. There were no comments. The new bylaws were passed unanimously!

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:25. The planning part for the calendar followed.

**Connie Heyden
Yeoperson**

A NOTE TO EVENT CAPTAINS

Ahoy, Captains Of Events!

The club had many enthusiastic volunteers to captain the events for the coming year. If you are a captain for an event, please:

1. If possible, write an announcement of your upcoming event for *The Runabout* before the event. The deadline for *The Runabout* is the 24th, and a new issue will usually come out around the first week of the month. Send submissions to the editor, Liz, at lbeau@uwalumni.com.
2. To remind people of the upcoming event, write and send one or more announcements or reminders to Dave Dorner, our Webmaster. Dave will then forward it to all members.
3. After the event, please submit a short summary or story about the event for the next issue of *The Runabout*.

It might be a good idea when writing Dave or Liz, to ask them to let you know that they received it. (That way you know it didn't go to spam).

Monday, January 27, 2014

Hi, Everyone,

After the MBC meeting in October, Nancy and Dick Grabowski, spent the entire weekend of October 18th, 19th, and 20th updating the bylaws.

The MBC board spent four hours at the meeting held Monday, October 21st, 2013, going over the first draft of the updated bylaws and discussing the articles and sections line by line. The board spent three more hours discussing and fine-tuning the second draft at a meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013.

Board members Nancy and Dick Grabowski spent many more hours going over the changes. On Monday, December 9, 2013, the board met again to discuss, tweak, and finalize the updated bylaws before presenting them to members for review before the January 16, 2014 vote. A copy was then sent to each member prior to the meeting.

I am happy to announce that the updated bylaws were passed unanimously by the membership at the January 16, 2014 meeting. The bylaws will be printed in the 2014 MBC Directory.

Congratulations and a big "thank you" to everyone involved on a job well done!

Commodore Jim Heyden

MILLER BREWERY TOUR AND DINNER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Meet Between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. at the Miller Brewery Tour Facility located at 4251 West State Street. The tour begins promptly at 3:30 pm.

*** It's important to be there between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. as Saturday's tours are first come, first served***

Parking is free.

We'll enjoy the 4 block indoor/outdoor walking tour that lasts about one hour (Note: there are stairs on the tour).

Please dress for the weather, and bring your ID and LOVE of beer, as we end the tour at the Miller Inn (1898) where we will sample Miller's fine beers.

Dinner will follow at the Chancery Pub, 7615 W. State Street (parking lot east of the Pub) at 6:00 pm where we will have our own room and special MBC menu.

We look forward to seeing a large MBC crowd.

Vince Verhasselt & Tom McElwee

**MBC 2014 PLANNING MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2014**



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