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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I hope you and your loved ones are getting though the winter month of January. The temperatures seem to vary a great deal.

The planning meeting was held on the 15th of January at South Shore Yacht Club. We had 20 members in attendance, and it was great to see how many volunteered for the events of 2015. Many thanks to Scott Burke, who came extremely well prepared with printed calendars for 2015. The meeting ran very efficiently and fast. We are looking forward to a fun-filled year. We are still looking for volunteers for the Monday Captain and First Mate events on October 19th and November 9th. If you were unable to make it to the meeting, maybe you would like to volunteer for a breakfast, lunch or happy hour. Many of our members have gone to warmer climates for the winter, but hopefully they will be back to join us for some of the fun events coming up. With the price of fuel declining, we may even be able to go on some boating trips.

Our next event is on Monday, February 9th being hosted by Pete and Bonnie Merryfield.

The February meeting is educational and will be held on the 19th at South Shore Yacht Club, as the clubhouse, if ready, is always very chilly in February. Bob Kowalski promises us a "surprise." I hope you can make it and bring along a dish to pass. We will, again, be ordering pizzas.

Both Russ and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the February outings.

Stay safe and warm.

Mary Berg



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

FEBRUARY

- 2 Judy Dorner
- 9 Jim Goodnetter
- 15 Joe Miotke
- 18 Erv Bluemner

MARCH

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

FEBRUARY 9th MBC CAPTAINS' & FIRST MATES' BREAKFAST 9:00 A.M.

Join us at the First Watch Restaurant in Brookfield for the first Captains' & First Mates' Breakfast of 2015!

17550 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite A
[262-754-5900](tel:262-754-5900)

We'd appreciate it if those members who plan on attending would give us a call at [262-646-8967](tel:262-646-8967) or e-mail us at pmerryfield@gmail.com by Friday, February 6th. We'd then be able to give the restaurant a "heads up" as to how many people they can expect. Remember, if you decide at the last minute that you'd like to join us, we'll definitely find an extra chair for you!

Your Hosts,
Pete & Bonnie Merryfield

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 9 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captains: Pete & Bonnie Merryfield

February 19 MBC Club Meeting
& Educational Program
Captain: Bob Kowalski

February 21-22 MBC Sno-Fun Cruise
Captain: Cindy Halstead

March 9 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captains: Connie Heyden & Linda Nelson

March 19 MBC Club Meeting

April 1 MBC Fox & Hounds Excursion
Captain: Dave Schneckenberg

April 16 MBC Club Meeting &
White Elephant Auction
Captains: Dave Dorner, Kim Hesel,
& Cindy Halstead

April 20 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captains: Tom & Cam McElwee

May 8 MBC Club Meeting
Shove-Off-Spree
Seven Seas Restaurant
Captain: Dave Dorner

May 18 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captain: Wayne Happel

June 8 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captains: Mary & Russ Berg

June 13 MBC Champagne & Cold Duck Dinner
McKinley Pavilion
Captains: Merryfields and Halsteads

July 13 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captain: Dave Dorner

August 10 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captains: Sue & Leo Wagner

September 5 MBC Club Meeting
& Annual Picnic
Fox Brook Park
Captain: Dave Dorner

September 21 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captains: Grey & Cindy Halstead

October 2-4 MBC Cruise to Someplace
Captains: Heydens & Kathy Werner

October 15 MBC Meeting & Trivia Night
Captains: McElwees & Hesers

October 19 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
Captains: Dan and Donna Danowski

November 9 MBC Captains & First Mates
Monday Madness
TBD

November 19 MBC Club Meeting
& Officer Elections
Captain: Jim Heyden

December 5 MBC Annual Commodore's Ball
Captain: Dave Dorner

January 21, 2016 MBC Planning Meeting
Captain: Scott Burke

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 Purser Dave Schneckenberg
 Yeoman..... Russ Berg
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 Director of ProgramsBob Kowalski
 Director of House & Equipment Tom McElwee
 Director of Refreshments.....Leo Wagner
 Past-Commodore Jim Heyden

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 and Todd Weiler

**EDUCATIONAL MEETING
 FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

Take a video cruise (via the Smithsonian Channel) on the luxury "Mighty Ship" Crystal Serenity at South Shore Yacht Club. 6:30 PM. We will order pizza from South Shore. Those with last names beginning with A-L should bring desserts and those with last names beginning with M-Z bring appetizers.

Dave Dorner

DRY DOCK

Longtime MBC member Jim Goodnetter has been back and forth between the hospital and a rehab center for several weeks. Jim is fighting off an infection and can surely use your good wishes to help in his recovery. We know cards and e-mails would do much to lift his spirits and let him know that his MBC friends are thinking of him.

Cards may be sent to Jim at:

Jim Goodnetter
 4561 Bay Beach Lane Apt. 362
 Ft. Myers Beach, FL. 33931

TO BE DETERMINED...

MBC Sno-Fun Cruise is scheduled for February 21st. Watch for an email blast with details.

BOATING QUIZ

1. You're cruising in the Pacific Northwest. You pull in at Victoria and get a spot right in front of the famous Empress Hotel. That afternoon while having tea and crumpets, a guy sitting at the next table is bragging that his 28' cruising sloop will do nine knots in a brisk air. Does he speak the truth?
2. You are aboard your single-engine boat, whose bow blows off quicker than the stern. You want to lie parallel to a dock into which the wind is blowing, and drift broadside to the dock, in between two other boats. What actions with the throttle and rudder are required?
3. It's a nice day and you're very close to the finish line in first place, with your competitors hard at your heels. One of your crew sitting on the rail hoists a victory beer, loses his grip, and falls backward into the water. He's a good swimmer. Do you pick him up now or finish and get him in a couple of minutes?
4. When you take friends cruising on your boat, should you accept what they offer to pay for a tank of fuel?
5. Judging by the old standard of how many wins in how many starts, name the most successful racing yacht in history.

**Submitted by Gloria Mitchelson
 (answers may be found below)**

BOATING QUIZ ANSWERS

(from page 2)

1. Unless he has a boat that will plane, what he says is impossible. Even if his boat is all waterline, he can do no more than 7.7 knots. The formula is 1.34 times the square root of the waterline. It's one of sailings immutable laws that a boat cannot escape the speed-grave dug by the waves it makes.
2. Go, as slowly as possible, slightly past the slot in the dock, then use the right rudder and reverse engine. If you move back to overlap the boat behind, use a bit of left rudder and forward speed. Then go back to right rudder and reverse the engine. If you mess it up, simply poke the bow into the dock, fend off, and wait for the wind to push in the stern.
3. The rule makers must have had in mind visions of those German crewmen being forced to line up and jump from a threatened World War I dirigible when they wrote the rule that requires a yacht to finish a race with the same crew with which she started. It's tough, but you must pick up your careless crew member before you finish.
4. Not unless you have a Coast Guard license to carry passengers for hire. Any contribution, direct or indirect, is illegal. Your friends can take you out to dinner ashore, of course.
5. The British Royal yacht *Brittania*, owned by King Edward VII and then King George V. From 1893 through 1935, she entered 625 races and won 231 of them.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015 MEETING OF MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Commodore Mary Berg. Twenty members were present, and no guests.

Vice Commodore Scott Burke reported that we would conduct the planning meeting for 2015 after the business meeting.

Senior Pilot, Dave Dorner, informed us that he had reserved South Shore Yacht Club for the ball on December 5, 2015.

Dave Schneckenberg, our purser, indicated that on November 20th we had a club balance of \$2,058.00. Our current deposits were \$3,805.00 following receipts of \$1980.00, \$1,780.00 from the ball and \$45.00 for merchandise sales. We had expenses of \$2,551.00 (\$215.00 for refreshments, \$500.00 for the band, \$1,569.00 to South Shore Yacht Club for the ball, \$75.00 to Liz for *The Runabout*, and \$191.00 for the Commodore's gift). This leaves us with a balance of \$3,312.00. Dave indicated that the club was in better

financial shape than we were at the same time last year, as that balance for 2014 was \$2,700.00.

Past Commodore, Jim Heyden, and his wife, Connie, were not present, as unfortunately they hit a deer on the way to the meeting.

Bonnie Merryfield, Director of Membership, reported that three couples did not renew their membership. Don & Cassie Hamblen have moved to St. Louis, Missouri; Ralph & Kathleen Winkler have moved to Punta Gorda, FL.; Steve & Joann Shaw have time constraints.

Director of Programs, Bob Kowalski, indicated that we would have a 40 minute entertainment surprise at our next meeting.

There was no report on House and Equipment, as Tom McElwee was not present.

Leo Wagner informed us that the refrigerator was full but that we had not been using the clubhouse and the money that Refreshments spent was for the picnic and the Champagne and Cold Duck party.

Wayne Happel had no updates on LMYA.

Pete Merryfield said he was working on advertisers and it was suggested that he contact Larry at Homestyle Canvas to see if he would be interested in placing an ad in our directory.

Dry Dock and Welfare Director, Charlene Zierden was not in attendance, but we were informed that Todd Weiler had some health issues and we should keep him in our prayers.

Discussion followed on the club merchandise. The Grabowskis are currently in Florida and they have the remaining shirts and hats. Members agreed to auction off the remaining merchandise at the White Elephant meeting. In the future, we will take items we want embroidered with our logo directly to the embroidery shop: Straight-Up, Inc., 1190 Richards Road, Suite 4, Hartland, WI, 53029, 262-367-9999.

Mary Berg questioned whether or not we had done an audit of the books. According to the by-laws, the audit is to be given to the Commodore before the December meeting. Dave Schneckenberg said he would get the information to Nancy Grabowski to complete the audit.

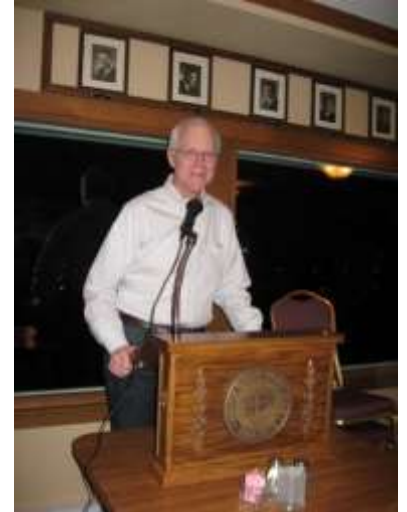
Our next meeting is set for February 19, 2015, which will probably be held at South Shore Yacht Club.

Scott Burke then conducted the planning meeting. (See Calendar)

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Yeoman Russ Berg**

2015 MEMBERSHIP & PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 15, 2015



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