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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It was a cold night, but the turnout was great for our annual MBC event-planning meeting. I want to thank all those who attended. We have a great schedule for 2009, along with a few new captains who volunteered this year. The 2009 event schedule is now posted on the MBC website, under EVENTS, as well as in this Runabout. Now is the time to get out your yearly calendars and mark the dates.

Donna Danowski has graciously taken over the Captains & First Mates breakfast events. The first MBC breakfast of the year is Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Bluemound Gardens Restaurant at 9:00 a.m.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, our educational meeting begins at 6:30 P.M. Pete Zierden, both an MBC member and Waukesha Cruise Fleet member, will be joining Keith Ponath, Vice Commodore for Waukesha Cruise Fleet, in conducting a visual presentation on their exciting dinghy cruises on Wisconsin Rivers. Please bring an appetizer or salad if your last name begins with A-K, or dessert for last names beginning with L-Z.

Hope to see you all at the February meeting!

**Grey Halstead**



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Walt Bykowski
- 1 Judy Dorner
- 1 Lou Wier
- 9 Jim Goodnetter
- 15 Joe Miotke
- 18 Erv Bluemner
- 19 Jim Eastberg
- 20 Steve Shaw
- 26 Donna Finch
- 26 Nancy Boppre
- 26 Margaret Robinson

### MARCH

- 2 Greg Canak
- 5 Connie Heyden
- 8 Dave Risch
- 9 Jim Mergener
- 10 George Graubner
- 12 Dave Schneckenberg
- 14 Lynda Nelson
- 16 Wayne Happel
- 23 Dick McCormick
- 25 Donna Danowski
- 30 Monica Tillmann

## ABOUT THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The entire 2009 calendar of events is printed in this issue. Please save it for future reference. Excerpts of the calendar will be included in future issues this year.

*The Runabout* deadline is the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month with the following exceptions: July is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month; December is the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast is the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at Bluemound Gardens in Wauwatosa: 11703 West Bluemound Road, 414-771-3000. Check future issues of *The Runabout*, MBC's web site, [www.milwaukeeboatclub.com](http://www.milwaukeeboatclub.com), or your e-mail on the Sunday before the scheduled date for details. The captain is Donna Danowski.

**2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

February 19 Educational Program  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
Dinghy Cruise Video presented by  
Pete Zierden & Keith Ponath  
(A-K bring hearty appetizers/salads; L-Z bring desserts)  
Captain Jim Heyden

February 28 Sno-Fun Cruise  
Captain Jim & Connie Heyden

March 10 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

March 19 St. Pat's Corned Beef Dinner  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
(A-G bring desserts; H-Z bring appetizers/salads)  
Captains Russ Berg, Wayne Happel, Daryl Grubbs,  
Dave Risch & Tom McElwee)

April 14 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

April 23 "White Elephant" Auction  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
(A-M bring hearty appetizer/salad; N-Z bring desserts)  
Captains George Graubner and Jim Heyden

May 12 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens  
Captain Wayne Happel

May 15 "Shove-Off Spree"  
Seven Seas Restaurant  
Captain Daryl Grubbs

May 30-31 Joint MBC/WCF "Dinghy Cruise"  
On the Chippewa River  
Captains Dan Danowski and Keith Ponath (WCF)

June 9 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

June 13 "Champagne/Cold Duck" Get-together  
McKinley Pavilion  
(A-E bring desserts; F-Z bring hearty appetizers/salads)  
Captains Jim Eastberg and Dick Harvey

June 19, 20, 22 LMYA Anniversary Cruise to  
LMYA Rendezvous in Sheboygan  
Captain Pete Merryfield & Greg Gegner

June 25 Big Bang Fireworks for opening of Summerfest  
Captain Wanted

June 25, 26 Queen's Cup Race at SSYC

July 3 U.S. Bank Fireworks

July 3, 4, 5 LMYA "Open House"  
hosted by South Shore Yacht Club  
Open to all LMYA members;  
Prospective members may sign up at the event

July 11 Dinghy Cruise/Milwaukee River Pub Crawl  
Captain Dave Dorner

July 17, 18 Cruise to Saugatuck, Michigan  
Captain Russ Berg

July 25, 26 Milwaukee Lakefront Airshow  
Captain Wanted

August 1 Gunk Hole at MBC Mooring  
Captain Dave Dorner

August 15 SSYC Annual Corn Roast

August 21, 22, 23 Joint MBC/SSYC Cruise to Racine  
Captains Dick Grabowski and Dick Harvey

September 8 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

September 12 MBC's Annual Picnic  
Captain Daryl Grubbs

September 19 "Oktoberfest"  
Bavarian Inn  
Captain Leo Wagner

October 13 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

October 22 "Chili Dump" and Trivia Contest  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center  
(A-G bring desserts; H-Z bring light appetizers/salads)  
Captains Craig Hesper, Tom McElwee, and Dave Risch

November 10 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

November 19 Educational Program and  
"Ethnic Food Night"  
Captain Jim Heyden

December 5 MBC's Annual "Commodores' Ball"  
Captain Daryl Grubbs

December 8 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

January 21, 2010 Planning Meeting  
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center with  
pizza and appetizers/salads

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### OFFICERS

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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

LMYA Representative..... Wayne Happel  
 Boat US Agent..... Mary Berg  
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 ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
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 Keeper of the Log..... Sue Ring-Wagner  
 Photographer..... Bonnie Merryfield

## ADDITIONS/CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE MBC 2008 DIRECTORY

**Please note the following additions to the MBC Directory:**

Bill & Kathy Martin  
 4537 Pleasant Hill Rd.  
 Richfield, WI. 53076  
 (H) 262-628-4679 (Bill's Cell) 414-303-6389  
 (Kathy's Cell) 414-507-1846

E-mail: (Bill) [wmartin@nconnect.net](mailto:wmartin@nconnect.net)  
 (Kathy) [kmartin@nconnect.net](mailto:kmartin@nconnect.net)

Boat Info.

Polaris II  
 Cruisers  
 37'5 T  
 McKinley F-42

Bruce & Carolyn Nason  
 9762 W. Tower Ave.  
 Milwaukee, WI. 53224  
 (H) 414-357-8011 (BT) 414-460-9022  
 E-mail: [bwnason@wi.rr.com](mailto:bwnason@wi.rr.com)

Boat Info:

Slowdance  
 Catalina  
 36' 35 HP  
 SSYC A-29

Dave & Carollyn Schneckenberg  
 N29 W26147 Coachman Dr.  
 Pewaukee, WI. 53072  
 (H) 262-695-9907  
 (Cell) 414-218-5799  
 E-mail: [schneckenb@netscape.com](mailto:schneckenb@netscape.com)

Boat Information:

Master Craft  
 Prostar  
 20' Single  
 Pewaukee Lake  
 20' Single

## MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2009

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for January 22, 2009 was called to order at 6:58 P.M. by Commodore Grey Halstead. Socializing and munching on appetizers preceded the meeting. Members took a dinner break when pizzas arrived.

The minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Our guest this evening was Keith Ponath, Vice-Commodore of Waukesha Cruise Fleet. Keith invited our club to join the Waukesha Cruise Fleet for their May 30<sup>th</sup> dinghy cruise on the Chippewa River. The participants usually drive up the day before the event and stay in the Eau Claire area, then drive home the day after. A 10 or 15 HP motor is generally used on the dinghy. Further details will follow.

**Purser** Dave Dorner reported a November 21, 2008 starting balance of \$3,325.88. Total income for the period of 11/21/2008 – 1/21/2009 was \$4,735.00, and total expenses for the same period were \$2,752.98. Final balance as of 1/21/2009 was \$1,982.02.

**Director of Membership** Bonnie Merryfield reported, as of January 22, MBC has 92 paid members, 4 “in the mail,” and 8 honorary, giving us a total so far of 104 members. There are also 6 perspective members interested in joining the club.

Bonnie also mentioned to let her or Runabout editor Liz know of any club announcements prior to the newsletter cut-off date which is the 4<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**Director of Programs** Jim Heyden discussed a “land cruise” to the “Titanic” exhibit along with the IMAX movie “Ghost of the Abyss” at the Milwaukee Museum on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Dry Dock & Welfare:** MBC received thank you notes from Debbi Canak and Ellen Baugher for the cards & flowers sent by the club. Our friend Pat Goodstein recently went through surgery to remove a brain tumor, and Trisha Peck is also recovering from surgery.

**New Business:** Pete Merryfield made the suggestion that the club raffle off Chris Winters’ book “Centennial” (which the club purchased in November after Chris’ presentation) at the “Shove-Off Spree” in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M. Wayne Happel then continued with our 2009 event-planning meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Halstead  
Yeoman

## DRY DOCK

Debbi Canak is recuperating at home after falling and severely breaking seven bones in her left forearm and elbow. Debbi underwent surgery on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Bonnie Merryfield

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM NBF

### NOAA Seeks Comment on Changes to NOS Charts

NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS), which produces nautical charts for U.S. waters, would like feedback from boaters on proposed changes to the information contained on charts.

Specifically, the National Ocean Service is proposing the removal of:

- Tide tables
- Tables of small craft facilities

On the web, go to:

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/headline-important.html> to see a list of the tables these charts will be removed from.

Tidal information will continue to be available at: <http://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/>

The proposed changes are advertised on The Office of Coast Survey Web site under "Latest News":

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/>

Boaters wishing to comment can use the form posted at

<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

Boaters should send comments to NOAA by February 20.

### AIS Now Available on Recreational Vessels

The FCC has announced that recreational vessels may now carry Class B Automatic Information System (AIS) transponders, which transmit navigational information to other vessels similarly equipped.

The information transmitted includes your vessel's MMSI number, course, speed, position, and other pertinent information. AIS systems have long been in use for large commercial shipping but only recently approved for small vessels. These transponders would provide a significant improvement to navigation safety since they transmit your vessel's status as well as receive and process data from other vessels.

The price for AIS units should be between \$500 and \$1000 depending on demand. We hope to obtain some Federal funding support for the boating public.

Currently the ICOM 604 VHF-FM radio has a receive-only AIS capability.

### Analog EPIRB Units on 121.5/243 MHz to be Discontinued

Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacons will no longer be monitored on 121.5/243 MHz. The new EPIRB units will broadcast on 406 MHz.

### Mumbai Attack Refocuses on Small Vessel Security

The recent terrorist attack in Mumbai, India, has added new emphasis to the DHS argument on the threats posed by small recreational vessels. The terrorists, coming from Pakistan, entered India's waters via a stolen fishing boat and then launched inflatables to come ashore. This caused DHS Secretary Chertoff to comment on the need to "counter the security threat posed by small boats and strengthen the U.S. Coast Guard." While this incident, nor the attack on the USS Cole in the Gulf of Aden, were in U.S. waters, the assumption is made the same scenario could take place here.

The Coast Guard continues to work on legislation for some sort of identification/tracking system for recreational boats. We do not know what sort of requirements this would impose on the boating community.

### Public Access to Waterways

With the threat of rising taxes and the use of eminent domain declarations on working waterfronts, public access to our waterways continues to decline in many areas.

A Boating Access forum was held on this where many ideas and possible solutions were discussed. So it was very encouraging to see Maryland, Florida, and North Carolina pass legislation this year requiring that waterfront facilities be taxed based on actual use and not potential value.

This is a major step forward in preventing small marinas being taken over to build condominiums. It is hoped other coastal states will follow the same course.

**Submitted by Gloria Mitchelson**

## MBC MEMBERS AT THE CHICAGO BOAT SHOW JANUARY 17, 2009



Left to right: Jim Palmieri & Patty Heibel,  
Dave & Judy Dorner



Left to right: Cam & Tom McElwee,  
Nita Swartwout & Dave Risch



Left to right: Pete Merryfield, Gene Schnagl, Russ Berg



Left to right: Kathy Schnagl, Boat Show Mascot,  
Mary Berg, Bonnie Merryfield

**MBC MEMBERS AT THE CHICAGO BOAT SHOW  
JANUARY 17, 2009**



Leo Wagner & Sue Ring- Wagner



Jim & Connie Heyden



Dan & Donna Danowski



At the "Billy Goat Tavern"  
Front Row = Left to right: Judy Dorner, Cam McElwee,  
new member Carolyn Nason; Back Row = Dan & Donna  
Danowski

**MBC 2009 EVENT PLANNING MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2009  
NEW POSITIONS FOR FAMILIAR FACES**



Grey Halstead opens his first meeting as MBC Commodore



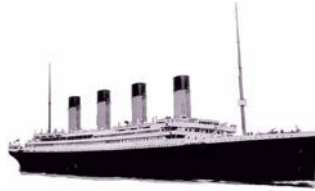
Vice-Commodore Wayne Happel outlines the events for 2009



Our new yeoman Cindy Halstead reads the minutes



## SNO-FUN CRUISE – TITANIC EXHIBIT AND IMAX MOVIE



Saturday February 28th, 2009  
1:30 IMAX Movie, Ghost of the Abyss  
3:00 Titanic Exhibit  
To Follow-Dinner at Botanas Restaurant (optional)

Greetings MBC Members!

Just a quick heads-up on what we'll be doing for the  
Saturday, February 28th "Sno-Fun Cruise."

We'll be meeting at the IMAX at around 1pm for the 1:30 movie. The movie will last about 1 hour and 10 minutes. If you are also going to the exhibit, the group cost of the movie is \$5.00 per person. We will then go to the Titanic Exhibit. Our reservation is for 3:00. The group cost of the exhibit is \$20.00 per person. All tickets are non-exchangeable and non-returnable.

With the purchase of a Titanic Exhibit ticket, you can have free access to visit the museum on the same day. Since the museum will be closing for the day close to the time when we will be finishing our tour, visiting the museum can only be done before our cruise. The museum opens at 9:00 A.M. If you want your ticket before the 1:30 movie, let me know. I will try to pass them out ahead of time.

If you are interested in joining us for this educational and fun event, please fill out the form below.

Hope you decide to join us!!!

Jim and Connie Heyden

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### Saturday Feb. 28th Sno-Fun Cruise

If you are interested, please fill out the form below.  
I need to confirm the reservation and pay 2 weeks in advance.  
Make checks payable to "Milwaukee Boat Club" and mail them to:

Connie or Jim Heyden,  
P.O. Box 44,  
Brookfield, WI 53008.

**All forms and checks are due by Wednesday, Feb. 11th.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of people attending IMAX Theater and Titanic Exhibit x \$25.00 per person

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed

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