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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We had a great turn out (on a cold night) for the MBC annual planning meeting. We now have a terrific schedule for 2010. Vice-Commodore Wayne Happel did a great job guiding us through the planning dates. Thanks, Wayne, and thanks also to the members who are captaining the events this year. The MBC 2010 Event Schedule is now posted on the MBC Website under EVENTS, as well as in this Runabout. Please mark your calendars with these dates.

Join us on February 18th at our educational meeting. John Grasse will discuss his interesting visit and day cruise on the Liberty Ship "John W. Brown" in Baltimore last summer.

On Saturday February 20th MBC members will have our Sno-Fun outing to the Milwaukee Museum. We will view the IMAX movie "Secrets of the Dead Sea" and the museum exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls. After 5:00 PM we plan to have dinner at Saz's Restaurant. If you cannot join us at the museum but wish to have dinner with us at Saz's, please contact Connie Heyden.

The Milwaukee Boat Club has a long relationship with the Lake Michigan Yachting Association. If you have not joined this year, please consider supporting this organization which is working for all boaters on Lake Michigan. On their website at www.lmya.net, you can fill out an application and pay for membership with your charge card. (\$45) Once on the site, go to Products and follow the instructions. The LMYA Rendezvous in Sheboygan on June 18 -20 is always a great weekend, and MBC members make it so!

Donna Danowski has again accepted the organizing of the MBC Breakfasts, which will alternate with lunches. Please see the new MBC 2010 Events Schedule for the dates. Thanks, Donna. 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 Margaret Robinson

MARCH

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

ABOUT THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The entire 2010 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 4th of each month with the following exceptions: July is the 5th of the month; December is the 8th.

The Captains' (First Mates') gathering will alternate between breakfast (at 9:00 a.m.) and lunch (at 11:30 a.m.) on the second Monday of each month (except July and August). The captain is Donna Danowski. She will choose a different restaurant each month. Check future issues of *The Runabout*, MBC's web site, www.milwaukeeboatclub.com, or your e-mail on the Sunday before the scheduled date for details. Those members who are not on the club's e-mail list should call Donna Danowski the Sunday before for details.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 18 Educational Program
6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center
(A-K bring hearty appetizers/salads; L-Z bring desserts)
Captain Jim Heyden

February 20 Sno-Fun Cruise
Captain Connie Heyden

March 8 Captains' (First Mates') Lunch

March 18 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, Dan Danowski & Tom McElwee

March 31 Dinner at Fox & Hounds Restaurant
Captains Dave and Carol Schneckenberg

April 12 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

April 22 "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 10 Captains' (First Mates') Lunch

May 14 "Shove-Off Spree"
Seven Seas Restaurant
Captain Daryl Grubbs

May 22 Joint MBC/WCF "Dinghy Cruise"
Captains Dan Danowski and Keith Ponath (WCF)

June 5 McBoat Brat Cookout
Captain George Graubner

June 7 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

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

June 18, 19, 20 LMYA Rendezvous Cruise to Sheboygan
Captain Pete Merryfield & Greg Gegner

June 24 Big Bang Fireworks for
opening of Summerfest
Captain Wanted

June 24, 25 Queen's Cup Party and Race at SSYC

July 2, 3, 4 LMYA Open House at SSYC

July 3 U.S. Bank Fireworks

July 10 Dinghy Cruise/Milwaukee River Pub Crawl
Captain Dave Dorner

August 15 Gunk Hole at MBC Mooring
Captain Dave Dorner

August 21 SSYC Annual Corn Roast
Public Invited

August 28, 29 Joint MBC/SSYC Cruise to Racine
Captains Dick Grabowski and Dick Harvey

September 11 MBC's Annual Picnic
at Pete and Bonnie Merryfield's Home
Captain Daryl Grubbs

September 13 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

September 18 "Oktoberfest"
Bavarian Inn
Captain Leo Wagner

October 11 Captains' (First Mates') Lunch

October 21 "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

November 8 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast

November 18 Educational Program and
"Ethnic Food Night"
Captain Jim Heyden

December 4 MBC's Annual "Commodores' Ball"
Captain Daryl Grubbs

January 20, 2011 2011 Membership Planning Meeting
6:30 P.M.
Vice-Commodore

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**MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES
 FOR JANUARY 21, 2010**

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for Thursday, January 21, 2010 was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by Commodore Grey Halstead.

The minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Purser Dave Dorner reported a November 18, 2009 starting balance of \$2,874.71. Total income for the period of 11/19/2009 through 01/20/2010 was \$3,573.00, and total expenses were \$3,210.05. Final balance as of January 20, 2010 was \$3,237.66.

Director of Membership, Bonnie Merryfield reported 91 paid members so far for 2010, with 8 honorary, giving us a total of 100 members.

Vice Commodore Wayne Happel reported as representative of LMYA, notes from a recent Port of Milwaukee Safety Meeting:

- ◆ Automatic foghorns are now installed at all stations on the Great Lakes. They are activated by clicking 5 times on marine radio channel 79.
- ◆ KK River dredging is completed.
- ◆ No changes have been made to eliminate the 2-foot depth sand bar near the horseshoe. The Army Corp of Engineers previously promised to mark it, but nothing has been done.
- ◆ National Weather Service (NWS) is trying to improve service by starting a user group regarding how to improve their forecasting and weather warnings. Contact NWS if you are interested in joining group.
- ◆ Harbor completed its 2nd year of speed restrictions, which has had a major impact on safety.
- ◆ A marker buoy at the North Filtration Plant was recommended.
- ◆ In accordance with the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Coast Guard will permanently terminate the transmission of all U.S. Loran-C signals effective February 8, 2010. This decision reflects the president's pledge to eliminate unnecessary federal programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M. followed by the annual MBC planning meeting led by Vice Commodore Wayne Happel.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cindy Halstead
 Yeoman**

MBC PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 21, 2010



Mary Berg



Daryl & Christine Grubbs



Dave Dorner with Pete and Bonnie Merryfield



Grey & Cindy Halstead and Connie & Jim Heyden



Christine Grubbs with Donna & Dan Danowski

MBC PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 21, 2010



Bonnie Merryfield



Group picture at the Planning meeting



Grey Halstead



George & Sam
Graubner



Wayne Happel



Wayne Happel & Donna Danowski

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