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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

First I want to thank Daryl for conducting the business portion of the January 20th meeting in my absence, as well as for chairing the planning of this year's events. Also, thank you, Christine, for recording the minutes.

I am pleased to see some new ideas, changes to some of the dates and the elimination of one event. Look at the MBC website and this issue of *The Runabout* for event details.

I was in Florida with a number of MBC members and, of course, we all gathered together at various times. Four of the couples rented a pontoon boat for six hours in 60-degree windy weather and cruised a portion of the intercoastal waterway. As luck would have it, we put the boat up on a sandbar, and two of the guys had to go into the cold water to push us off. We were so happy to get the boat free that we took off leaving one guy abandoned on the sandbar. Not to worry, we returned to retrieve him. As the song goes, MBC members are "Rough and tough and hard to bluff and used to hardships", or, in our case, hard groundings.

Also, five couples of this group gathered to watch the Packers beat the Bears followed by the Steelers beat the Jets. We made so much noise I think the condo moved off its foundation.

Mark your calendar for the Sno-Fun Cruise the 19th to Great Lakes Distillery & Dinner. We also have a Captain/First Mate lunch on the 14th.

Captain Luann Barndt of the U.S. Coast Guard will be our guest speaker at the meeting on the 17th. Dave Schneckenberg assured me that this would not be your basic 101 Coast Guard lecture on how to pilot your boat. I had the privilege of hearing her speak last year and was impressed with her presentation. You don't want to miss this meeting.

Wayne Happel



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

FEBRUARY

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

ABOUT THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The entire 2011 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.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14	Captains' (First Mates') Lunch
February 17	Educational Program 6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center Captain Dave Schneckenberg
February 19	Sno-Fun Cruise to Great Lakes Distillery & Dinner Captains Jim & Connie Heyden
March 14	Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
March 24	St. Pat's Corned Beef Dinner 6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center Captains Russ Berg, Dan Danowski & Tom McElwee, George Graubner, & Wayne Happel
April 6	Dinner at Fox & Hounds Restaurant Captain Dave Schneckenberg
April 11	Captains' (First Mates') Lunch
April 21	MBC Membership Meeting at Pete Zierdens Factory & Needy Family Donations Captains George Graubner & Jim Heyden
May 9	Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
May 13	"Shove-Off Spree" Seven Seas Restaurant Captain Jim Heyden
May 21	Joint MBC/WCF "Dinghy Cruise" on Rock River Captain Dan Danowski
June 13	Captains' (First Mates') Lunch
June 18 & 19	LMYA Rendezvous Cruise to Sheboygan Captains Wayne Happel & Dick Harvey
June 29	Big Bang Fireworks for opening of Summerfest Captain Wanted
July 2, 3, 4	LMYA Open House at SSYC
July 3	U.S. Bank Fireworks
July 16	Dinghy Cruise/Milwaukee River Pub Crawl Captain Dave Dorner

August 7	MBC Champagne & Cold Duck Dinner Milwaukee Air Show Captains Grey Halstead & Dick Harvey
August 14	Gunk Hole at MBC Mooring Captain Dave Dorner
August 27, 28	Joint MBC/SSYC Cruise to Racine Captains Dick Grabowski & Dick Harvey
September 10	MBC's Annual Picnic Captain Jim Heyden
September 12	Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
September 17	Joint MBC/WCF Wives & Lovers Dinghy Cruise Captain Dan Danowski
September 24	"Oktoberfest" Bavarian Inn Captains Leo & Sue Wagner
September 24	Louie's Last Regatta Captain Dick Harvey
October 10	Captains' (First Mates') Lunch
October 20	"Chili Dump" and Trivia Contest 6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center Captains Craig Hesper & Tom McElwee
November 14	Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
November 17	MBC Educational Program/Meeting & Ethnic Food & Needy Family Donation" Captains George Graubner & Dave Schneckenberg
December 3	MBC's Annual "Commodores' Ball" Captain Jim Heyden

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**MBC MINUTES FROM
 JANUARY 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58pm by Vice Commodore Daryl Grubbs.

The November 18th, 2010 meeting minutes were read and approved with one correction to add purser Dave Dorner to the list of officers.

Guest Bonnie Delany, past commodore from Waukesha Cruise Fleet was introduced.

Officers Reports:

Purser, Starting balance as of 11/18/2010 \$2,595.35, Income \$3,948.00, Expenses \$3,615.79, overall total gain of \$332.21 for a balance of \$2,930.56 as of 1/19/2011.

Director of Membership, Two new members, Ken and Sandy Dziubek

Old Business:

Mary Berg brought in a couple of MBC sweatshirts to give to anyone interested.

New Business:

2011 Planning report was discussed and will be printed in the Runabout.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
 Christine Grubbs,
 Standing in as yeoman**

**CORRECTIONS TO THE MEMBER
 DIRECTORY**

Ken and Sandy Dziubek's e-mail address is:

wb9llw@wi.rr.com

INTRODUCING... DICK & KAREN SCHMIDT



Dick and Karen Schmidt were officially initiated into Milwaukee Boat Club during our annual "Commodore's Ball" held this year at South Shore Yacht Club. This initiation came as surprise to some who thought the Schmidts were already members, as they have attended numerous MBC events as guests of their many friends in the club. Citing the "extremely nice and friendly people" they've met, Dick and Karen decided to join, and we couldn't be happier.

Dick grew up in Milwaukee and graduated from Wauwatosa High School. He began his career in sales in the areas of dry cleaning and soda water. In 1963, Dick entered the coffee business, and that's where he spent most of his sales career. Since 1992, Dick has had his own business, Timpel-Schmidt, specializing in industrial packaging supplies.

Karen also graduated from Wauwatosa High School and went on to secretarial school. Karen worked as an executive secretary and later as school secretary for twenty years at Mt. Olive. (Those of us in education know the secretaries run the schools!) Karen ended her secretarial career at Shorewest Realty where she was the educational coordinator.

Dick and Karen met at her father's meat market where Dick worked during high school. This past August the couple celebrated fifty-three years of marriage. Their daughter Stephanie and her husband live in Green Bay with their daughter Samantha. Son Brian, a widower, lives in Random Lake with his son Brady and daughter Cassidy. Son-in-law Rick, widower of Dick and Karen's daughter Vicki, lives on Pewaukee Lake with his daughter Jessica and sons Josh (who is in the Air Force Academy) and John. As you can expect, family plays a large role in Dick and Karen's life.

Dick became interested in boating through his uncle who worked at Mercury Motors. In 1961, Dick bought his first boat, a 14' runabout, and trailered it to area lakes. Many other boats followed, as Dick puts it, "from a 14' to a 15' to an 18' to a 21' to a 24' and, finally, to a 31.'" That last boat, which they recently sold, was a Cruiser named the "Abergut," after the Schmidts' specialty drink which is somewhat of a legend.

When not boating, Dick enjoyed trapshooting and hunting small game. For the past eight to ten years, Dick has worked on his 1966 Lincoln Continental 4-door convertible. He and Karen love showing it off at classic car shows in the area. Both Dick and Karen enjoy traveling "anywhere and everywhere." They've traveled to Europe, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and "all over the U.S." Dick and Karen are also active members of South Shore Yacht Club. In any free time that she has, Karen can be found knitting, quilting, and gardening.

The Schmidts learned of MBC from their many close friends who are members. We are delighted that this warm and outgoing couple chose to join our club. To Dick and Karen, we, of the Milwaukee Boat Club, extend a most heartfelt...Welcome Aboard!

Bonnie Merryfield

**SNOW-FUN CRUISE – GREAT LAKES DISTILLERY
AND MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
Saturday February 19th, 2011**

12:00 – 1:30 Great Lakes Distillery Tour and Tasting

3:00 Frank Lloyd Wright Exhibit at Milwaukee Art Museum

5:30 Dinner to Follow at Saz’s on State St. (Optional)

Greetings MBC Members!

We’ll be meeting at the Great Lake’s Distillery at around 12:00 noon for a private tour.

In the 45 minute tour, visitors will learn about the distillery’s award winning products, how and why they make them, and for a \$3 fee get a flight of three products to try. The tour is free, but the optional tasting is \$3 per person. The \$3 fee is to be paid at the time of the tasting. We will then go to the Milwaukee Art Museum for a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit. Here you can experience over 150 objects designed by “America’s greatest architect,” Frank Lloyd Wright. Our reservation is for 3:00. This self-guided tour lasts between 1-2 hours. You will tour at your own pace. The special group rate at the museum is \$9 per person. All tickets are non-exchangeable and non-returnable.

We need to confirm our reservation at the museum by this Friday, February 11th. Please e-mail Jim or me, or send in the form below by this Friday, Feb.11th to make your reservation.

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

If you are interested, please fill out the form below. I need to confirm the reservation and pay 1 week in advance for the museum. 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 Friday Feb. 11th.

NAME _____ NAME _____

_____ # of adults attending for Great Lakes Distillery (free tour)

_____ # of adults attending Milwaukee Art Museum Exhibit x \$9.00 per person

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed. _____ # attending dinner

MBC PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 20, 2011



Christine Grubbs trying to stay warm



Grey Halstead, Dave Dorner, Russ Berg (nice hat!)



Vice Commodore Daryl Grubbs conducting meeting



Connie & Jim Heyden



Donna Danowski & Sam Graubner

2011 MBC PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 20, 2011



Purser Dave Dorner reading his report



Grey & Cindy Halstead



Jim Palmieri, Patty Heibel, Dick Harvey



George Graubner, Sue Ring-Wagner, Leo Wagner, Mary & Russ Berg

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