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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ★★ ★

The weather is finally getting warmer, and we can enjoy some sunny skies. I hope you are all able to get your boats in the water soon.

Over 50 people showed up for the annual Shove-Off Spree at Seven Seas Restaurant. The weather was great and everyone had a great time! Dave Risch received the honor of having the first boat in the water this year. Congratulations to him. Thank you to Scott and Barbara Burke for all the time and effort they put into making this a successful and fun event.

"Monday Madness" at Bullwinkles in Brookfield also had a huge turnout of members. Everyone enjoyed cocktails, appetizers and good conversation. Most members also stayed for dinner. Thank you to Grey and Cindy Halstead for being Captains of this event.

The Merryfields and Halsteads did a great job of planning and organizing the annual Champagne and Cold Duck event on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Over 25 members enjoyed this beautiful, sunny day at the McKinley Marina. Thank you, Grey and Cindy and Bonnie and Pete for your efforts in making this a great event again this year!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming June events. "Monday Madness" will be a breakfast this month on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The LMYA weekend in Port Washington will be the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>.

All of these activities are a great time and are always enjoyed by everyone. I hope to see you there. See *The Runabout* and upcoming notices for more information on these activities.

I hope all of you are enjoying the long-awaited warmer weather and beautiful blue skies. It seemed like boating season would never get here, but it finally has.

Wishing you a safe and fun boating season!

**Jim Heyden**



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### JUNE

- 3 Lynne Happel
- 22 Tom McElwee
- 22 Sue Ring-Wagner
- 25 John Goetzman
- 27 Russ Berg

### JULY

- 1 Kathleen Winkler
- 7 Jean Bluemner
- 7 Karen Schmidt
- 13 Jackie Hohn

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- |            |                                                                |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 9     | MBC Monday Madness<br>Captains: Merryfields                    |
| June 20    | LMYA Cruise to Pt. Washington<br>Captains: Mergeners           |
| July 14    | MBC Monday Madness<br>Captains: Bergs                          |
| July 18-20 | MBC & <del>SSYC</del> Cruise to Racine<br>Captains: Grabowskis |

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Yeoman.....Connie Heyden  
Director of Membership ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
Director of Programs .....Bob Kowalski  
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Past-Commodore ..... Wayne Happel

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

LMYA Representative .....Wayne Happel  
Boat US Agent .....Mary Berg  
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..... Bonnie Merryfield, and Connie Heyden  
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..... and Todd Weiler

**BOATING QUIZ**

1. Who is the youngest sailor to circumnavigate single-handed? (Note, book copyrighted in 1989)
2. To test your engineering savvy, which has the greater breaking strength, half-inch nylon line or half-inch galvanized chain? (This might tell you which is best for anchoring.)
3. Where was the good ship *Mayflower* headed when she arrived at Cape Cod in 1620?
4. What is the meaning of the nautical command "to make way"?
5. Name two distinctive art forms produced by common seamen, fighting the extreme and protracted boredom of life aboard whaling ships. (Source: *The Cockpit Quiz Book* by C. Dale Nouse)

**Gloria Mitchelson**

**(Find the answers to this quiz on page 3)**

**JOINT CRUISE TO RACINE  
RESCHEDULED**

The ~~joint~~ cruise to Racine of ~~SSYC and~~ MBC has been changed to August 16 &17 to coincide with the luau that is being held at Fifth Street and Harbor Lights Yacht Clubs. The cruise will be to the Racine Yacht Club, where slips will be available for us, as well as parking room for those that come by car. A pub crawl will be hosted by the MBC representative and co-captain Dick Harvey. Past hula contestant Leo Wagner will also be available to give demonstrations in the fine art of the dance. Mark your calendar and come by boat or come by car for a great time in Racine.

**Submitted by Dave Dorner**

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

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Boat information =  
Basha  
C C  
35' 30 HP  
SSYC - 032

**BOATING QUIZ ANSWERS:**

1. Robin Lee Graham, an American, sailed around the world in two different boats -- *Dove* and *Return of the Dove* -- from 1965 through 1970. He was 16 years of age when he started and 21 when he finished.
2. Half-inch chain has a safe working-load maximum of 3,300 pounds. Half-inch nylon has a breaking strength of 4,500 pounds.
3. The *Mayflower* was sailing for Virginia, where 13 years earlier Capt. Christopher Newport and 130 Englishmen in three ships had landed to start the first permanent English settlement in the New World, called Jamestown. On December 21, 1620, having been driven north by strong southwesterly winds and the set of the Gulf Stream, the *Mayflower* landed 103 passengers at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts. Half the settlers died in the first winter.
4. To a landlubber, "Make way!" means to clear a path, as in "Make way for the Queen." However, in nautical parlance, it means get moving, or "put some way on her." "Way enough" means that there is motion enough to reach a selected stopping point, like a dock or a spot to anchor.
5. First, the sea chanty, which came in many varieties, some utilitarian (such as rhythmic heaving chanties); quicker, fun songs meant for dancing; dirge-like chanties sung on leaving port for a long voyage; and, most common of all, chanties that expressed the sailors' longing for female companionship. The other art-form was scrimshaw, the crude, rude sailor's attempt not only to fill his spare time, but to create something beautiful that would be treasured by others.

**"MONDAY MADNESS" BREAKFAST  
JUNE 9, 2014  
9:00 A.M.**

The Original Pancake House  
16460 W. Bluemound Road  
Brookfield, WI. 53005

(formerly "Old Toll Road Village" --North side of Bluemound Rd., Corner of Bluemound & Ruff Rd., just west of "Sports Authority")

R.S.V.P. by June 8<sup>th</sup> so we can give them a count.  
Pete & Bonnie Merryfield – 262-646-8967  
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Hope to see you there!  
Hosted by Pete and Bonnie Merryfield

**MINUTES FROM MBC MEETING ON  
MAY 9, 2014**

The May meeting was held following the annual Shove-Off Spree at the Seven Seas Restaurant. The Commodore called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. The April minutes were approved. Jim welcomed everyone and thanked Scott and Barbara Burke, the captains of this event. He led everyone in applauding their hard work in planning. Jim then announced that Gene Schnagl had just had a special birthday. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday." Jim then invited members to take a new directory from the back table.

Mary Berg, Vice Commodore, told members that shirts and hats remained for sale and that available sizes would be listed in *The Runabout*.

Bonnie Merryfield, Directory of Membership, announced that the 2014 directories were complete. Members applauded Bonnie and Todd Weiler for their work.

Wayne Happel, LMYA Representative and Past Commodore, reminded everyone about the LMYA weekend in June at Port Washington. He invited non-LMYA members to attend all events as a guest of one of our MBC members that is a member of LMYA. He said more information was in *The Runabout*.

Advertising Committee Chairman Peter Merryfield announced that advertising revenue covered the cost of the Directory, with some left for the club treasury.

Under new business, Grey Halstead announced that the May "Monday Madness" would be held on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at Bullwinkle's on the corner of Bluemound and Barker Road. Grey reminded everyone that the annual Champagne and Cold Duck would be held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the McKinley Pavilion. More information will be in *The Runabout*.

Commodore Jim then asked whose boat was in the water. As the only member with his boat in the water, Dave Risch won the award, a bottle of wine. Jim then had Peter Merryfield announce the winners of the 50/50 drawing, Bill Martin, Leo and Sue Wagner, and Russ Berg (See their picture in *The Runabout* this month.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

**Connie Heyden  
Yeoperson**



**MAY 9, 2014 "SHOVE-OFF-SPREE"  
SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT**



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# MAY 19. 2014 CAPTAINS & FIRST MATES "MONDAY MADNESS" BULLWINKLE'S





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