



**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS** ★★ ★

All I can say about February is "BRRR." Russ and I, like other members, have gone to a warmer climate. I am currently sitting in sunny Florida, wishing the sunshine and heat could be sent your way.

Our February educational meeting was on the 19<sup>th</sup> at South Shore Yacht Club. Eighteen members attended Dave Dorner's showing of the video, *Chrystal Serenity*. Members enjoyed the event, especially getting up for more food without offending an "official" speaker.

Thanks to Pete and Bonnie Merryfield for hosting breakfast at First Watch in Brookfield on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The turnout for this morning event was great. Mark your calendar for the next Monday event March 9<sup>th</sup>.

The March meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for an e-blast with the location. Tom McElwee is in Jamaica but promises to check with Center Point if the clubhouse will be available. Any other suggestions for meeting places are welcome.

Dave Schneckenberg is planning the popular Fox and Hounds dinner for March 25<sup>th</sup>. Russ and I look forward to seeing you there.

Our Snow Fun Cruise was a success. About sixteen of us enjoyed the Festival in Cedarburg. Following a tour of the winery, about 22 gathered at Gloria Mitchelson's home for appetizers and drinks. Gloria even gave us a little cooking lesson. An early dinner was enjoyed at the Centennial Restaurant in Mequon.

With March and April just around the corner, hopefully work on our boats will begin. Winter in Wisconsin continues to be long and cold, but "there is warmth at the end of the tunnel."

**Mary Berg**



**BIRTHDAYS**

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

**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

**APRIL**

- 3 Ken Dziubek
- 6 Dick Grabowski
- 7 Leo Wagner
- 15 Dave Dorner

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- March 9 MBC Captains & First Mates  
Monday Madness  
Captains: Connie Heyden & Linda Nelson
- March 19 MBC Club Meeting
- March 25 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

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 Yeoman..... Russ Berg  
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 Director of House & Equipment ..... Tom McElwee  
 Director of Refreshments.....Leo Wagner  
 Past-Commodore ..... Jim Heyden

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 ..... and Todd Weiler

**MONDAY MADNESS HAPPY HOUR**

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:30 - 7:00**

Bullwinkles  
 20290 W. Bluemound Rd.  
 Brookfield, WI

Corner of Barker and Bluemound Road (next to Motel 6)

Captains Connie Heyden & Lynda Nelson  
 Please RSVP to Connie at [ConnieOMHE@aol.com](mailto:ConnieOMHE@aol.com) by  
 Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> so Bullwinkles can schedule another  
 bartender, if needed.

**BOATING QUIZ**

1. You're on your first cruise in your little power cruiser with twin outboards. You come to a lock you must clear to get to more expansive waters. Waiting on your side of the lock are a navy tugboat, a fairly big powerboat on the side of which are the words "Mail Boat", a commercial fishing boat, a small passenger boat that takes people on tours and a small tug pushing a large barge. Can you place these vessels in the proper priority for entering the lock?

2. You're sailing along near the end of an all-night passage. It's calm and you're motoring about five miles offshore. All of a sudden there's a terrible thump that pitches you forward. You catch yourself and hear your wife and small son stirring down below. A few minutes later, your wife shouts. "There's water in here!" It's obvious that you're sinking, and fast! You yell for everybody to get in life jackets. Then you look around the horizon and, thank God, there's a small ship coming up astern. You get out your flares -- but one by one they sputter and go out. By now the water has shorted out the battery (you can tell because the engine quits). You try the radio. Too late: it's dead; the battery again, of course. You have a strong six-volt, dry-cell flashlight with a signal switch. But you can't for the life of you remember the Morse code for SOS. What do you do now to tell the small ship you're in trouble and need help?

3. Across the dock from where you're tied up, some folks aboard a salty-looking schooner are playing a game in which one person says "Echo . . . Golf," another shouts "Foxtrot!" then says, "Papa . . . Romeo," and someone yells, "Quebec!" On it goes for quite a while. What are they doing?

4. You're cruising in a big river, approaching a sharp bend around which you can't see far. You hear a long blast of a whistle, which seems to last about five seconds. What does that mean and what should you do?

5. When Pytheas of Massalia, a Greek astronomer and navigator, signed aboard a Greek ship sometime between 350 and 300 B.C. to sail to England, Scotland, Thule, Norway, and Germany, he used a sandglass to keep time. About eighteen hundred years later, Ferdinand Magellan sailed around the world. How did Magellan keep time? (Source: *The Cockpit Quiz Book* by C. Dale Nouse)

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

**MBC SNO-FUN CRUISE**

On Saturday, February 21st, MBC members turned out for the annual MBC Sno-Fun Cruise This year's land cruise was to Cedarburg's Winter Festival, Cedar Creek Winery, Gloria Mitchelson's lovely home, and then to dinner at the Centennial Bar and Grill in Mequon.

This cold winter day started out with some members attending the festival, sampling fudge and chili, watching the parade, and shopping. At 2:30, a group visited the Cedar Creek Winery's cool limestone cellars where the wine is fermented, aged, and bottled. Everyone enjoyed the samples of wine. Then members went to Gloria Mitchelson's house for cocktails and snacks. Gloria was a gracious hostess and everyone had a great time! Then 27 members went to dinner in Mequon at the Centennial Bar and Grill.

**Connie Heyden**

**MBC Monday Madness, February 9, 2015**

Our first "Monday Madness" event for 2015 took place at the First Watch Restaurant in Brookfield. No snowstorm, an absence of icy roads, above-zero temperature, sunshine - are we lucky or what?! A total of twenty-two MBC members enjoyed a delicious breakfast while socializing with one another. There never is a lull in the conversation when we get together, and it was a great way to begin our Monday get-togethers!

**Your hosts,  
Pete & Bonnie Merryfield**

**MONDAY MADNESS  
APRIL 20  
BREAKFAST 9:00 AM  
CROWN PLAZA HOTEL**

(Located at Watertown Plank Road & Mayfair Road  
(Hwy 100), Wauwatosa – 10499 Innovation Drive)

We'll meet in the Innovation Dining area offering a breakfast menu and buffet

We would appreciate you letting us know if you can join us by calling 262-786-9687 or email

[tommcelwee@yahoo.com](mailto:tommcelwee@yahoo.com).

We hope you can join us!!

**Hosts: Tom & Cam McElwee**

**BOATING QUIZ ANSWERS**

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1. First is any U.S. military vessel. Second are mail boats. Third are commercial passenger boats. Fourth are commercial tows (a push boat with a barge is technically a tow). Fifth are commercial fishermen. And -- sorry! -- last is you, a noncommercial boat. But the lock master will squeeze you in if he can -- most of them are extraordinarily considerate.

2. Just for the record, the Morse code distress signal (SOS) is "...---..." and every sailor should know it or at least write it somewhere -- perhaps on the flashlight? Because any flashing light is now recognized as a distress signal, aim your lantern at the other ship and flash it, once per second. Time it verbally as "One thousand one" -- flash -- "one thousand two" -- flash -- etc. When the other ship gets close enough, stop the flashing and instead shine the light on yourself, waving your outstretched arms up and down. (That's also a distress signal.) If you have a foghorn (a canister type), sound it continuously.

3. They're making a game out of practicing the standard spelling alphabet used internationally. One person gives two letters, and the rest try to give the one sandwiched between. It's a superb way to memorize the alphabet: "Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo . . ."

4. First it means there's a big one coming 'round the bend -- and as required by law, she's letting you know. You should answer with a horn, using a similar signal. Then, if you have VHF radio, listen to channel 13 or 16 to see if that vessel wants to talk it over, before you suddenly come face to face with something that needs most of the river or has limited maneuverability.

5. The same way, with hourglasses. It would be another two hundred years before the first chronometer was made.

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2015 MEETING OF MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Commodore Mary Berg. Eighteen members were present, and no guests.

Vice Commodore Scott Burke had no report, other than to say the calendar was pretty well established, and that we needed a volunteer for the Monday Madness for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Pilot Dave Dorner indicated that he needed to check with the 7 Seas for the Shove-Off Spree in May.

Dave Schneckenberg gave the Purser's Report. The club had a balance at the last report of \$3,311.94. There were no receipts, and disbursements were \$75.00 to Liz for the newsletter, \$130.00 to Wayne Happel for the picnic reservation, and \$95.88 to Dave Dorner for the web.

The current balance is \$3,011.06. Dave also reminded us that the Fox and Hounds dinner will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Past Commodore Jim Heyden had no report.

Bonnie Merryfield, Director of Membership, asked us to notify her, via email, of any changes for the club directory.

Program Director Bob Kowalski thanked Dave Dorner for tonight's video presentation.

Both Tom McElwee (Director of House and Equipment) and Leo Wagner (Director of Refreshments) were not in attendance. Tom McElwee previously indicated that he will check with the club house on the status of the renovations and find out if the room will be available for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

LMYA Chairman, Wayne Happel, had no report.

Peter Merryfield, Director of Advertising, had no report.

There was no scuttlebutt from Bonnie, Gloria or Mary.

Webmaster, Dave Dorner, said we were up and running and that Scott Burke did a nice job on the calendar.

Charlene Zierden, Chairman of Dry Dock and Welfare, was not in attendance, but it was noted that Bonnie has kept us informed on the progress of Jim Goodnetter.

Club Sales Director, Nancy Grabowski, was not present. It was mentioned that we would retrieve the remaining merchandise when Nancy comes back from Florida and proceed to auction the remaining hats and shirts. Bonnie offered to drop off items for embroidery in Hartland.

The air show is being held on Saturday and Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and not on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Champagne and Cold Duck gathering will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope to reserve McKinley, but that cannot be done until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Bob Kowalski and seconded by Sue Ring-Wagner that the meeting be adjourned, and it was so moved at 7:05 p.m.

Pizza and the educational program followed.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Russ Berg, Yeoman**



Karen Schmidt had an added a \$65.00 expense to her dinner at the Centennial. She had to have a CAT scan at Elmbrook after picking up a stray fork off the restaurant floor, falling and hitting her head. Glad Karen is okay.

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