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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hello, Everyone!

Bonnie and I just got back from sunny Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and hope to see you before our suntans fade out. We did get to a couple of the marinas in Puerto Vallarta, and seeing all the boats floating in their slips did get us in the mood for the upcoming boating season.

For those members who weren't able to make the last educational meeting on February 21st, you missed a great presentation by Todd Weiler on "The Story of the Silver Bracelet." Thanks, Todd! You should take your presentation on the talk show circuit.

Now, it's March, and I hope everyone's looking forward to the "Sno-Fun Cruise" on March 15th. Dinner will be at Botanas Mexican Restaurant followed by *Fiddler on the Roof* performed at the Modjeska Theater. If you're unable to make this event, don't forget the "St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner" at the clubhouse on March 20th.

Once again, Bonnie and I want to extend our sympathy on Jeff Addie's passing to Denise and Jeff's family. Jeff fought the hard fight, and he will be missed.

Pete Merryfield



Standing at the end of his driveway, Commodore Pete Merryfield wants to remind all our "snowbirds" in Arizona and Florida what they're missing!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March 15 | Sno-Fun Cruise
Captain Bonnie Merryfield |
| March 20 | 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,
& Tom McElwee) |
| April 15 | Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens
Captain Wayne Happel |
| April 24 | "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 |

OBITUARY

Milwaukee Boat Club members were deeply saddened to learn that their friend and fellow member Jeff Addie had passed away on February 19, 2008 following a valiant battle with cancer. Jeff's big smile, witty remarks, and good-natured participation in club activities will be missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing him. Even as he fought cancer, Jeff enthusiastically served as planning chairman for MBC's "50th Anniversary" celebration held last September 8th. That memorable event will serve as Jeff's legacy to Milwaukee Boat Club.

The club, of which Jeff was such an integral part, extends its sincerest sympathy to Denise and Jeff's family.

Calm seas and gentle winds to you, dear Jeff. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

MARCH

- 5 Connie Heyden
- 8 Dave Risch
- 10 George Graubner
- 14 Lynda Nelson
- 16 Wayne Happel
- 23 Dick McCormick
- 25 Donna Danowski
- 30 Monica Tillmann

APRIL

- 4 Bill Erby
- 6 Dick Grabowski
- 7 Leo Wagner
- 10 John Grasse
- 15 Dave Dorner

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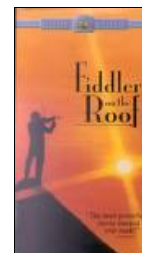
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- Commodore Pete Merryfield
- Vice-Commodore & Cruise Director Grey Halstead
- Senior Pilot Wayne Happel
- Purser Dave Dorner
- Yeoman Bonnie Merryfield
- Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield
- Director of Programs Jim Heyden
- Director of House & Equipment
- Directors of Refreshments
- Daryl and Christine Grubbs

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- Historians Cindy Halstead and Bonnie Merryfield
- Keeper of the Log
- Photographers Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesel, and Bonnie Merryfield

**“SNO-FUN CRUISE”
MARCH 15, 2008**



Hello, MBC Members!

Just a quick heads-up on what we'll be doing for the Saturday, March 15th “Sno-Fun Cruise”.

We'll be meeting at Botanias Restaurant at 816 S. 5th Street at 5:00 P.M. for a delicious Mexican meal. We'll be ordering off the menu, and those of you who have eaten there before know how good their food is!

Following dinner, we'll be heading to the Modjeska Theater at 1128 W. Mitchell St. at 7:00 P.M. to see the Modjeska Youth Theater Company perform *Fiddler on the Roof*, which begins at 7:30 P.M. The young people in this acting company are extremely talented and have won rave reviews for their previous performances, which have included *Oliver* and *West Side Story*. Group rates are \$8.00, \$13.00, \$18.00, and \$23.00.

“If I Were a Rich Man,” “Sunrise, Sunset,” “Matchmaker,” “Tradition,” “To Life,” and “Do You Love Me?” are just a few of the songs in this play, which won nine Tony Awards, including “Best Musical” on Broadway.

I'll be picking up the tickets at the box office on Monday, March 10th. If I haven't received your check by then, you are still welcome to join us. Meet us at the restaurant at 5:00, and buy your tickets at the theater box office.

Hope to see you there!

Bonnie Merryfield

MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2008

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for February 21, 2008 was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Commodore Pete Merryfield. Socializing and the partaking of delicious food preceded the meeting.

The minutes of the January 24, 2008 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Guests Vic and Donna Weiler and Dick and Gloria Arneson were introduced and welcomed by members.

Officers' Reports:

Vice-Commodore – no report.

Senior Pilot – Wayne Happel informed us that the next "Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast" is scheduled for March 18th at 9 A.M. at Bluemound Gardens.

Purser – Dave Dorner reported a starting balance of \$2,401.80. Total income for the period of 1/24/08 through 2/20/08 was \$140.00. Total expenses for that same period were \$180.00. Cash accounts totaled \$1,081.59 for a final balance of \$2,361.80.

Director of Membership – Bonnie Merryfield sadly informed members who may not have heard that Jeff Addie passed away on Tuesday night. How fortunate we were to have known Jeff and to have had him as a Milwaukee Boat Club member.

We were happy to receive a membership application from George and Donna Finch and look forward to seeing them at future meetings.

Bonnie also outlined the plans for the "Sno-Fun Cruise" on March 15th. (See the complete notice in this issue.)

Director of Programs – Jim Heyden introduced Todd Weiler, MBC member and past-commodore, as the presenter for this evening's educational program.

Director of House & Equipment – no report.

Co-Directors of Refreshments/Webmaster – Daryl Grubbs said he will post on the MBC website any information he receives regarding visitation/services for Jeff.

There were no committee reports.

Any old business? – not at this time.

Any new business? – Commodore Pete informed members that MBC now has a new informational flyer thanks to the talented efforts of Daryl and Christine Grubbs. It is very professional-looking and will serve as an excellent recruiting tool for new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Following the meeting, Todd Weiler's fascinating presentation brought the story of his uncle Lt. James A. Weiler, a 22-year-old World War II bomber pilot, back to life. Todd traced the journey of his uncle's silver ID bracelet worn as he piloted a B-17 fighter bomber and lost after his squadron had been shot down over Czechoslovakia. We learned so much history in this awe-inspiring story, including how the people of the Czech Republic never forgot these brave veterans and continue to honor them to this day.

Respectfully submitted,

Yeoman Bonnie Merryfield

DRY DOCK

"Get-well soon!" wishes go out to Pete Zierden following his February 28th surgery. Pete was on a snowmobile trip in the U.P. on February 21st. He was working on the reverse lever of his snowmobile. The machine powered-up and caught his leg against the ski of another snowmobile. Pete fractured his left ankle and ruptured his left quad tendon. His cast comes off in four weeks, and the big brace for his quad tendon comes off in six weeks. Then it's on to rehab. We're sure Pete could use some cards while he's recuperating! Hey, Pete! That's no way to end a fun trip!

IN SYMPATHY

Milwaukee Boat Club wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Lynda Nelson on the recent death of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Lynda, during this sad time.

STOP BY THE NEWLY RESTORED NORTH POINT LIGHTHOUSE



The North Point Lighthouse is now open Saturdays from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. The cost to have a guide take you to the top is \$5.00 per person, well worth it.

The restoration is very well done. The foghorn will be arriving soon and will be set up in the keeper's house. The original lens for North Point is currently kept by the Coast Guard. The restoration committee hopes to have the lens on display within the next year. Stop by and take the tour. All proceeds contribute to the upkeep of this treasure.

It is also nice to take a walk through Lake Park. The famous lion bridges are on your way to the lighthouse; the views are great.

Submitted by Christine and Daryl Grubbs

WELCOME ABOARD

Introducing Patty Heibel and Jim Palmieri



Jim Palmieri and his wife Patty Heibel attended January's 2008 event planning meeting and were subsequently initiated into Milwaukee Boat Club during

our February educational meeting. They were very happy to become official members and were glad to learn that "paddling" was not part of our initiation ceremony.

Patty grew up in Northfield, Minnesota and graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a double major in chemistry and business. Jim was raised in Andover, Massachusetts and received his degree in American studies from Tufts University.

The couple, who met through work, lived in Maine before moving to Wisconsin this past May and purchased their home in Menomonee Falls in August. Jim works for AT&T as a technical consultant, and Patty recently accepted a position in marketing with AEM (Association of Equipment Manufacturers).

Jim and Patty share their home with their two 12-year-old cats. Mickey is a beautiful black male, and Kiki is an adorable orange female who is part Siamese. Both cats are very grateful to Jim and Patty for adopting them from a rescue shelter in Maine and giving them a wonderful new start in life.

While growing up, Patty loved sailing on Minnesota's lakes and always wanted to have her own sailboat. In 1992 she purchased "Freedom," a 28.2' Marina. Jim is Patty's "First Mate," and, according to Patty, "is an excellent navigator." Jim and Patty are members of South Shore Yacht Club, and "Freedom" is moored there in the south basin. The boat went into the water this past July, so Patty and Jim were able to enjoy some of last summer's great boating weather as they experienced sailing on Lake Michigan.

Patty is an artist and photographer, and Jim loves football. His favorite team has always been the Green Bay Packers, no matter where he's lived. At least, Jim was able to experience "Packer Mania," as it can only be experienced in Wisconsin, during Brett Favre's last season.

Jim and Patty learned about MBC from the Bergs while on South Shore's "Chicago Boat Show" bus trip. We know they'll be a welcome addition to our club, and to this friendly and enthusiastic couple, Milwaukee Boat Club extends a hearty..... "Welcome Aboard!"

Bonnie Merryfield

P.S. See, Patty, there was more to write about than "two cats and a sailboat!"

**ST. PATTY'S CORNED BEEF DINNER
MARCH 20, 2008
6:30 P.M.
MBC CLUBHOUSE**



This is traditionally an outstanding dinner.

Come hungry and expect to go home quite satisfied!

MENU

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Carrots
Parsley-Browned Potatoes
Bread

Members with last names A – G, bring desserts

Members with last names H – Z, bring appetizers/salads

Cost: \$6.50 per person, excluding beverages

Often we have leftover servings. Should there be any leftovers this year and you would like to take a sample home with you, please bring a doggy bag (gallon Ziploc) for your convenience.

Captains Russ Berg, Wayne Happel, Daryl Grubbs, and Tom McElwee

MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB EDUCATIONAL NIGHT FEBRUARY 21, 2008 THE STORY OF THE SILVER BRACELET



Todd Weiler giving his presentation



Todd and his guests for the evening, cousin Vic Weiler and his wife Donna



Director of Membership Bonnie Merryfield welcomes new members Patty Heibel and Jim Palmieri following their initiation.



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