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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ★★ ★

Are you as anxious as I am to get the boat launched and get out in the yard and plant flowers? It seems like Mother Nature has other plans for us. As a clerk in the garden store told me this week, "This is spring in Wisconsin, and all of a sudden it will get hot." I sure hope she is right!

Our April meeting was held at the CenterPointe Clubhouse. Heydens reported that we had only been there twice during Jim's term as Commodore. Thanks to Dave Dorner for conducting the fun-filled White Elephant. Twenty-four members attended, and I, personally, want to thank all of you for including our grandchildren, Madison and Gavin, in helping pass out the white elephant "gifts".

On the 20th of April, Tom and Cam McElwee hosted a breakfast at Innovations Restaurant at the Crown Plaza. The food was great, the server attentive, and I took leftovers home for my next two breakfasts. The next Monday event will actually be on a Tuesday – May 19th. See the notice in *The Runabout*.

The Shove-Off Spree is just around the corner. It will be held at the Seven Seas on May 8th. Dave Dorner sent out email information and will collect the money. This is a good time to invite potential members to join us and see what MBC is all about. We hope to see some of you the following day at the "Save the Estabrook Dam" event.

Since there was a problem with obtaining McKinley for the Champagne/Cold Duck event on the 13th of June, watch for an e-blast on a new date or place from Grey Halstead.

It's time to launch those boats and enjoy summer.

Mary Berg



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

MAY

3 Shirley Weir
6 Gene Schnagl
13 Bob Kowalski
13 Gloria Larsen
19 Kim Hesper
22 Andy Baugher
27 Nancy Nikolaus

JUNE

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8	MBC Club Meeting Shove-Off-Spree Seven Seas Restaurant Captain: Dave Dorner
May 19	MBC Captains & First Mates Monday Madness Captain: Wayne Happel
June 8	MBC Captains & First Mates Monday Madness Captains: Russ & Mary Berg

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 Director of ProgramsBob Kowalski
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 Past-Commodore Jim Heyden

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 and Todd Weiler

BOATING QUIZ

1. Aboard your 30' sloop, you are making a night crossing of Lake Huron. It is a sixty-mile passage under power on a calm night. You have not seen another boat or ship the entire night. Your wife is asleep below. Then in a single moment of awakening, you become acutely aware of the fact that you have been asleep. Your watch says you have slept for the last two to four hours you have been underway. You have neither Satnav, Loran, auto pilot, nor RDF. What do you do?
2. Name the man considered the father of both oceanography and meteorology, giving the United States its greatest era of supremacy of the sea: the reign of American clipper ships.
3. Who was the first woman to sail around the world?
4. When the Egyptians built the Great Pyramid of Cheops about 2750 B.C., they used 2,300,000 blocks of granite, each weighing two and a half tons. The pyramid -- the greatest built -- was 481 feet high, and covered 13 acres. It took 100,000 workmen 20 years to finish it. Did those workmen use that great labor-saving device so common on ships and boats -- the pulley (which mariners call a "block")?
5. Sure teak is expensive, but what's the *most* expensive of all woods, and what use does it have in the marine environment? (Source: *The Cockpit Quiz Book* by C. Dale Nouse)

Submitted by Gloria Mitchelson
(answers may be found below)

MONDAY MADNESS
APRIL 20th

It was a cold, damp Monday morning but 14 brave members showed up for a warm breakfast and hot discussion at the Innovation dining room in the Crown Plaza Hotel in Wauwatosa. Many world issues were solved, and all left the hotel refreshed and ready to face the wind and cold.

Tom & Cam McElwee

BOATING QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. You don't have much choice but to continue on -- using the time to calculate what the worst error might be -- and start looking for a navigation aid that can be identified. You also might hope to identify something on the shore.
2. U.S. Navy Lt. Matthew Fontaine Maury studied thousands of old log books, gathering, compiling and publishing so much information about the oceans and their behavior that ships using this information frequently cut in half their times for ocean passages. Maury's stunning *Wind and Current Charts of the North Atlantic Ocean* (1847) revolutionized passage-making across the Atlantic. A well-rounded scientist, Maury urged the establishment of a naval academy, was first to advocate a national weather bureau to help farmers, and organized the first international conference to set down the first conventions of the sea.
3. In 1769, a lady named Bare returned to Saint-Malo, France, aboard the 60' French Ship *Etoile*, having sailed around the world. She had posed as a male servant to a gentleman named De Commercon, and got away with it.
4. Nope. The Egyptians were very bright and very creative, but they didn't have the wheel, which didn't appear in history until 1000 years later -- and without the wheel, the pulley was inconceivable. In fact, the pulley had to wait until the 8th century B.C. for the Assyrians to figure it out.
5. Lignum vitae is the most expensive wood. With its high density, it still is occasionally used for shaft bearings on ocean-going ships. And of course, you can still buy blocks made of it.

TUESDAY MADNESS

(Was Monday)

May 19th

HAPPY HOUR 4:30 to 7:00

Note: this is a **Tuesday**

PARK AVENUE PIZZA

Pub & Restaurant

121 Park Ave., Pewaukee

262-691-0503

Menu has a large list of appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, broasted chicken, seafood, pizza and a large bar. We will have a private section and be served by a barmaid.

Please RSVP by May 13th to Wayne & Lynne Happel.

Email: happely2@aol.com PH. 262-781-6598

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2015 MEETING OF MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commodore Mary Berg. Twenty-four members were present, and no guests. After a long absence, our meeting was held at the CenterPointe Yacht Services Clubhouse.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting as published in the Runabout.

Discussion was held concerning the payment of the pizzas for tonight's meeting. It was moved and seconded to pay for the pizza from the White Elephant Auction proceeds.

Vice Commodore Scott Burke reminded us of the Shove-Off Spree on May 8th, as well as the Breakfast on April 20th and a Happy Hour on May 19th.

Senior Pilot, Dave Dorner, said the Shove-Off Spree is at the Seven Seas and he would advise of us of the cost and the exact time of this event.

Dave Schneckenberg reported our balance remained the same at \$2,686.06 and that we needed to pay our Runabout editor, Liz.

Past Commodore, Jim Heyden, suggested that the Shove-Off Spree was a great time to introduce new members. Discussion followed on ideas for promoting the club.

Bonnie Merryfield, Director of Membership, advised that the directories were done and would be available for distribution at the Shove-Off Spree.

Program Director Bob Kowalski - no report.

Tom McElwee (Director of House and Equipment) said it was good to be back at the clubhouse, and Leo Wagner (Director of Refreshments) said the refrigerator was full, although we were short of water, and he would take care of that.

LMYA Chairman Wayne Happel gave us an update on the Lake Shore State Park progress, at a cost of 4.9 Million, to be completed in the fall of 2017. Further, he said that there would be an open house on April 21st from 4:00 to 7:00.

Peter Merryfield indicated that the same advertisers had renewed, and the funds would cover the cost of the directories.

Charlene Zierden, Chairman of Dry Dock and Welfare, had no report. Leo Wagner gave an update on Sue's hip replacement and her recovery. Sue would have liked to attend the meeting, but the stairs kept her home.

Club Sales, Nancy Grabowski, had no report.

Tom McElwee distributed fliers about a breakfast at the Crown Plaza Hotel on April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Gray Halstead reported that he was unable to obtain McKinley for the Champagne & Cold Duck on either June 13th or 14th, as both those dates were already taken. Discussion followed on options for the Champagne & Cold Duck event. Gray will look into obtaining McKinley for June 27th or 28th and let us know.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and it was so moved at 7:43 p.m.

A fun White Elephant followed with auctioneer Dave Dorner, raising more than enough funds to pay for the pizzas.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Russ Berg, Yeoman**

MBC APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION APRIL 22, 2015



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