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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

As I'm writing this, the temperature is in the '60s. It's finally time for our boats to leave their winter storage areas and move to their slips. However, with gas prices as they are, they probably won't move out of them as often as we would like.

I'm looking forward to the "Shove-Off-Spree" on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We already have 60 people signed up to attend, including some from Waukesha Cruise Fleet, Milwaukee Harbor Yacht Club, and McBoat. I know a good time will be had by all.

Bonnie and I were in Arizona for my older brother's surprise 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party and couldn't attend the April meeting, but I heard the "White Elephant Auction" elicited much laughter and lots of fun. Thanks to Grey and Cindy Halstead for filling in for Bonnie and me. Thanks also to Jim and Connie Heyden and George and Sam Graubner for running this event.

In other news, the Milwaukee Common Council passed the LMYA-initiated "no-wake rule" in the Inner Harbor during special events. This shows how concerned boaters are able to make a difference. Way to go, Wayne!

Our "Shove-Off-Spree" is the beginning of our MBC summer events. Other May/June events include "Captains (First Mates) Breakfasts, River Splash, our "Champagne/Cold Duck" social at McKinley Marina's Pavilion, and the "LMYA Annual Anniversary Cruise" to Racine. Be sure to check our website for further details.

Hope to see you all soon,

**Pete Merryfield**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| May 13          | Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast<br>9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens<br>Captain Wayne Happel  |
| May 31          | "River Splash" Event<br>Captain Dave Dorner  |
| June 10         | Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast<br>9:00 A.M. Bluemound Gardens<br>Captain Wayne Happel  |
| June 14, 15, 16 | LMYA Anniversary Cruise to Racine<br>Captain Russ Berg   |
| June 21         | "Champagne/Cold Duck" Get-together<br>McKinley Pavilion<br>(A-E bring desserts; F-Z bring hearty appetizers/salads)<br>Captains Jim Eastberg and Dick Harvey |



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### MAY

- 3 Shirley Wier
- 6 Gene Schnagl
- 13 Kim Hesper
- 13 Bob Kowalski
- 13 Gloria Larsen
- 14 Tom Czaplicki
- 22 Andy Baugher
- 26 Christine Grubbs

### JUNE

- 3 Lynne Happel
- 8 Ted Tiemann, Jr.
- 10 Bob Knollenberg
- 15 Angie Ollmann
- 21 Doug Gallus
- 22 Tom McElwee
- 22 Sue Ring-Wagner
- 25 John Goetzman
- 26 Jim Palmieri
- 27 Russ Berg
- 27 Greg Gegner

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 Senior Pilot ..... Wayne Happel  
 Purser ..... Dave Dorner  
 Yeoman ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
 Director of Membership ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
 Director of Programs ..... Jim Heyden  
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 Directors of Refreshments  
 ..... Daryl and Christine Grubbs

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**MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES  
 FOR APRIL 24, 2008**

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for April 24, 2008 was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Vice Commodore Grey Halstead, standing in for Pete Merryfield, as Pete and Bonnie were in Arizona celebrating Pete's brother's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections.

Officers' Reports:

**Vice-Commodore** – Grey thanked George & Sam Graubner and Jim & Connie Heyden for volunteering as captains for tonight's "White Elephant" auction.

**Senior Pilot** – Wayne Happel reminded members about the MBC's annual "Shove-Off-Spree" to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the "Seven Seas Restaurant." Cocktails will begin at 6:00 P.M. and dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. Cost is \$25 per person. As of this meeting 42 people have signed up so far, two couples from outside clubs.

**Purser** – Dave Dorner reported a March 23, 2008 starting balance of \$1,978.70. Total income for the period of 3/20/2008 – 4/23/2008 was \$894.00. Total expenses for that same period were \$253.47. Final balance as of April 23, 2008 was \$2619.49.

**Director of Membership** – No report

**Director of Programs** – No report

**Director of House & Equipment** – No report

**Director of Refreshments** – No report

Committee Reports:

**LMYA** – Wayne Happel informed members that the ordinance regarding a no-wake rule in the Inner Harbor from one hour before to one hour after special events at the lakefront was approved on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be in effect until December 31, 2010, and will require a request for renewal at that time.

**Any new business?** – Craig Hesper was selling raffle tickets for Riverwalk for Breast Cancer to be held at Frame Park in Waukesha on Saturday, May 3.

Dave Dorner reminded members of the MBC annual "River Splash" event coming up Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. and followed by our always enjoyable, but particularly funny "White Elephant" auction. The highlight of the evening was the wigs and hairpieces that Connie and Jim Heyden brought to be auctioned off. It was hilarious watching the high bidders model their new wigs. Everyone had a great laugh. Good times were had by all!

Respectfully submitted,

**Cindy Halstead  
 (Standing in for Yeoman Bonnie Merryfield)**

### CHAMPAGNE AND COLD DUCK JUNE 21, 2008



The annual Champagne and Cold Duck social will be held at the McKinley Pavilion.  
4:00-7:00 P.M.

Members whose last names begin with A-E, please bring desserts. Those whose last names begin with F-Z, please bring hearty appetizers/salads.

Contact Captains Dick and Shirley Harvey or Jim and Polly Eastberg for more information.

### FOND FAREWELL

Christine and Daryl Grubbs submitted this picture of the remains of the old Coast Guard station that was located between Milwaukee Yacht Club and McKinley Marina center section. Christine says she believes the iron bridge shown in the background will be restored.

### RIVER SPLASH MAY 31, 2008

Kick off the festival season downtown at River Splash!



Meet at 5:30 P.M. at:

Bar Louie  
1114 North Water Street

We will have dinner and then meander on to the festivities. Fireworks are scheduled that evening.



Call Dave Dorner at 414-339-2555 to make your reservations (or just show up!).

More information is available at  
<http://www.riversplash.com/>

### DRY DOCK

Mary Bykowski is back home following her recent surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery!

Gene Schnagl spent four days in the hospital on IV's following a bite from a brown recluse spider. Gene was helping his friend launch his boat and never realized he had been bitten until the next day when he awakened with a swollen hand.

**Submitted by Bonnie Merryfield**

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