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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

As I write these comments, I know many of you are soon to launch your boats. Cindy and I just got back from Florida with eight days of great weather and relaxation, so I am behind in launching mine. We did join a few other MBC Members in Florida, and that was fun.

The "White Elephant Auction" was held on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and was attended by 25 members. Since many of us were in Florida, the attendance was a little lower than normal. I want to thank George and Sam Graubner and Jim and Connie Heyden for doing another spectacular job of auctioning. I heard everyone had a great time and that Kathy Schnagl's jewelry was highly bidden. Also I want to thank Vice-Commodore Wayne Happel for conducting the meeting and Lynne Happel for filling in as Yeoman for Cindy.

The "Shove-Off Spree" on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the "Seven Seas" is soon approaching and should be a great time to kick off our MBC boating season. If you have not sent in your money, we still may be able to accommodate a few more members and/or their guests. You must call Daryl Grubbs immediately.

Many of us are joining the Waukesha Cruise Fleet event down the Fox River in our dinghies on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Rain date May 23<sup>rd</sup>). This should be a fun time, if the weather cooperates. Please call Dan Danowski for any questions or concerns. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget to plan for the "Champagne/Cold Duck Get-Together" and Air Show at the McKinley Pavilion on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will probably start after 3:30 PM.

**Grey Halstead**



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 3 Lynne Happel
- 8 Ted Tiemann, Jr.
- 22 Tom McElwee
- 22 Sue Ring-Wagner
- 25 John Goetzman
- 26 Jim Palmieri
- 27 Russ Berg
- 27 Greg Gegner

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 14 "Shove-Off Spree"  
Seven Seas Restaurant  
Captain Daryl Grubbs
- May 22 Joint MBC/WCF "Dinghy Cruise"  
Captains Dan Danowski and Keith Ponath (WCF)
- June 5 McBoat Brat Cookout  
Captain George Graubner
- June 7 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
- June 13 "Champagne/Cold Duck" Get-together  
and Air Show at McKinley Pavilion  
(A-E bring desserts; F-Z bring hearty appetizers/salads)  
Captains Jim Eastberg and Dick Harvey
- June 18, 19, 20 LMYA Rendezvous Cruise to Sheboygan  
Captain Pete Merryfield & Greg Gegner
- June 24 Big Bang Fireworks for  
opening of Summerfest  
Captain Wanted
- June 24, 25 Queen's Cup Party and Race at SSYC

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**OFFICERS**

Commodore ..... Grey Halstead  
 Vice-Commodore & Cruise Director ..... Wayne Happel  
 Senior Pilot ..... Daryl Grubbs  
 Purser ..... Dave Dornier  
 Yeoman ..... Cindy Halstead  
 Director of Membership ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
 Director of Programs ..... Jim Heyden  
 Director of House & Equipment ..... Tom McElwee  
 Director of Refreshments ..... Leo Wagner  
 Past-Commodore ..... Pete Merryfield

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 ..... Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden

**OBITUARIES**

The Milwaukee Boat Club extends its sincere condolences to Mary Bykowski on the passing of her husband Walt. Walt and Mary were long-time members of MBC who have resided in Cape Coral, FL. for many years. Walt served as Milwaukee Boat Club's Commodore in 1979. Services were held in Cape Coral, FL. on Thursday, May 13. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family.

Raymond Church, 98, father of MBC member Tricia Peck passed away on Monday, May 10th. Our condolences go to Tricia and her family.

**“A SAILABRATION RIDE”**



Now, listen, my children and you will hear:  
 The Cold Duck/Champagne party is near.

One if by land...

**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**at the McKinley Marina Pavilion.**

Two if by sea...

Sail up and drop anchor by **3:00 P.M.**

Three if by air...

Look up!  
 A surprise is really in store.  
 The Blue Angels will be with us, and  
 oh, so much more!

Set your sails a-singing, so you know what you're  
 bringing.

**A – E bring dessert**  
**F – Z bring appetizers/salads**

**DRY DOCK**

Erv Bluemner was hospitalized in late April due to a ruptured appendix. Erv is now home and his recuperation is going well. We all wish him a speedy and full recovery.

## MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES FOR APRIL 22, 2010

The Milwaukee Boat Club membership meeting for Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by Vice Commodore Wayne Happel, substituting for Commodore Grey Halstead, who was in Florida.

The minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting were read by Lynne Happel, substituting for Yeoman, Cindy Halstead. An amendment was made by Wayne to include Dan & Donna Danowski as members of the corned beef dinner committee. The minutes were accepted by the Vice Commodore as read and amended.

Guests Bob and Rosemary Krencisz were presented and welcomed by the Vice Commodore. They discovered the club via our website and decided to visit us at our meeting. They later said they enjoyed the evening and will consider joining our club.

Senior Pilot Daryl Grubbs reminded everyone of the Shove-Off Spree scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Seven Seas Restaurant. Your reservation and check of \$25 per person should be mailed no later than April 29<sup>th</sup> to Daryl and made out to Milwaukee Boat Club.

Purser Dave Dorner reported a beginning balance of \$3306.17, expenses of \$550.30, income of \$349.00 and final balance of \$3104.87.

Director of programs Jim Heyden asked for any recommendations for future programs.

LMYA Delegate Wayne reminded everyone of the annual LMYA rendezvous in Sheboygan scheduled for June 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. MBC for many years has cruised to this event. If you are a member, refer to the invitation you received in the mail. Make sure you get your reservations to LMYA Commodore Jim Mergener by June 9<sup>th</sup>. Non-members, call Wayne or Jim Mergener, and we will mail you an invitation.

Also, mark your calendars' to attend the annual open house for LMYA at SSYC July 2, 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>.

A report furnished by Gene Schnagl announced that the Chicago Sanitary Ship Canal at the fish barrier is

closed to vessels under 20 feet. For more information go to [www.uscg.fishbarrierinfo.com](http://www.uscg.fishbarrierinfo.com).

Dan Danowski, spokesman for the joint MBC/WCF Dinghy Cruise down the Fox River in Waukesha County, said the date is set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> (rain date the 23<sup>rd</sup>).

You may want to meet early for breakfast at the Busy B's Café at Road L & Hwy 164 at 8:30. See Dan for details.

Committee person Donna Danowski announced the Captain and First Mate lunch will be held at Señor Luna Café Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. in New Berlin.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. followed by the White Elephant Auction hosted by the Heydens and Graubners. They did a great job as auctioneers, making it lots of fun, and their costumes were hilarious. A \$20 bid, probably a record, went for an item to guest Rosemary Krencisz. Volunteer Dave Dorner picked up pizzas, using auction proceeds to pay for it.

**Lynne Happel  
Acting Yeoman**

## ADDITIONS/CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE MBC DIRECTORY

New members to add to your directory:  
Welcome to MBC, Bill & Barb!

Newby, Bill & Barb  
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Brookfield, WI. 53045  
(H)262-782-5810

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(Barb's Cell)262-894-5144  
E-mails:bill@wnagency.com &  
barbnewby@yahoo.com

Boat info:  
Boston Whaler  
18' T70  
Skipper Bud's - Milwaukee

**"WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION"  
APRIL 22, 2010**



Rosemary & Bob Krencisz



Carolyn Schneckenberg



Christine Grubbs & Judy Dorner



Jim Heyden



Dan Danowski

**"WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION"  
APRIL 22, 2010**



Daryl & Christine Grubbs



Connie & Jim Heyden



Connie & Jim Heyden, George & Sam Graubner



Left to right: Dan Danowski, Donna Danowski,  
Lynne Happel, Sam Graubner



Dave & Carolyn Schneckenberg



Left to right: George Graubner, Dave Dornier,  
Jim Palmieri

**"WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION"  
APRIL 22, 2010**



Daryl Grubbs



Dave Schneckenberg



Dave Dorner



Pizzas



Gene & Kathy Schnagl

**"WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION"  
APRIL 22, 2010**



Gene & Kathy Schnagl



Kathy Schnagl



Lou Wier



Rosemary Krencisz



Rosemary Krencisz

**"WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION"  
APRIL 22, 2010**



Rosemary Krencisz & Donna Danowski



Sam Graubner & Connie Heyden



Shirley Wier



Shirley Wier



Wayne Happel



Wayne and Lynne Happel



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