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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We now are in receipt of the detailed director & officer insurance policies that we requested. Upon review, we have determined they do not offer the coverage we wanted. Therefore, we will not pursue a policy at this time.

Once again we have invited Waukesha Cruise Fleet to our Shove-Off-Spree. WCF is a boat club somewhat like ours of similar age. We have a similar number of members with five couples who are members of both clubs. The main difference between our clubs is that WCF is more a boat-trailing club with many family-orientated cruises. They trailer to the Mississippi River, Lake Superior in Bayfield, WI, The North Channel, Lake Winnebago, and Lake Michigan. Both clubs participate in mutual events such as our Shove-Off-Spree and their dinghy cruise. We also share information of a beneficial nature between the clubs. To use an old expression, it has been a win-win situation for both clubs.

WCF has invited us once again to their dinghy cruise on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Details can be found on our website. Contact Dan Danowski if you plan on joining this cruise.

**Wayne Happel**



## 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 Tedd Tiemann, Jr.
- 22 Tom McElwee
- 22 Sue Ring-Wagner
- 25 John Goetzman
- 26 Jim Palmieri
- 27 Russ Berg
- 27 Greg Gegner

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 13 Captains' (First Mates') Lunch
- June 18 & 19 LMYA Rendezvous Cruise to Sheboygan  
Captains Wayne Happel & Dick Harvey
- June 29 Big Bang Fireworks for  
opening of Summerfest  
Captain Wanted
- July 2, 3, 4 LMYA Open House at SSYC
- July 3 U.S. Bank Fireworks
- July 16 Dinghy Cruise/Milwaukee River Pub Crawl  
Captain Dave Dorner

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**OFFICERS**

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

LMYA Representative .....Wayne Happel  
 Boat US Agent .....Mary Berg  
*The Runabout* Editor ..... Liz Beaudoin  
 Advertising ..... Pete Merryfield  
 Scuttlebutt .....Mary Berg, Gloria Larsen, and  
 ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
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 Dry Dock & Welfare.....Charlene Zierden  
 Club Sales..... Nancy Grabowski  
 Audit and Bylaws..... Nancy Grabowski  
 Cruise Directory Advertising ..... Pete Merryfield  
 Historian.....Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesper,  
 ..... Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden  
 Keeper of the Log.....Sue Ring-Wagner  
 Photographer .....Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesper,  
 ..... Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden  
 Publishers of Club Directory ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
 ..... and Todd Weiler

**LMYA CRUISE TO PORT WASHINGTON FOR  
 THE RENDEZVOUS EVENT  
 JUNE 17, 18, 19**

This cruise is on our event schedule because we have a number of LMYA members in our club and for many years they have cruised to the rendezvous event

If you are not an LMYA member and are interested in joining us on this cruise, we encourage you to join LMYA. Besides the annual rendezvous event, LMYA offers many amenities. Contact Wayne or Jim Mergener for more details and an application.

**MBC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
 APRIL 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by the Commodore.

Members Present:

D. Grubbs, J. Heyden, D. Dorner, L. Happel, B. Merryfield, G. Halstead, W. Happel, D.Schneckenberg. Sitting in for L.Wagner was S.Wagner

The board discussed inviting the Waukesha Cruise Fleet to our Shove-Off-Spree. It was decided that a letter of invitation be sent to the Commodore of WCF.

We had a lengthy discussion regarding liability insurance for the directors and officers of the club. Comments and questions from the membership were discussed. It was noted that in today's society, many officers and directors of clubs are being sued and rely on insurance to cover the expense of lawyers to defend themselves. Also noted was that boat clubs such as SSYC, WCF, and MHYC carry insurance. In consideration of this, the board decided to ask for a copy of the insurance contracts from the two quoting agents for our review. If we found the review to meet our needs, we would purchase a policy.

**Respectfully submitted,  
 Lynne Happel  
 Yeoperson**

## MBC MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2011

Commodore Wayne Happel called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The first item on his agenda was to thank Pete Zierden for the use of The Zierden Company meeting room and tour of his factory.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in *The Runabouter*.

Some members had questions regarding the board of director's report printed in *The Runabouter*. Questions asked were the cost of insurance, whether dues would need to be raised, type of coverage, whether insurance would cover members and whether insurance was necessary. Wayne said the board discussed these questions during the last two meetings and would again consider them in this evening's board meeting.

Senior Pilot Jim Heyden reminded everyone of the Shove Off Spree on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Seven Seas Restaurant.

Bonnie asked that changes to the Club Directory be sent to her or Todd Weiler as soon as possible, as it is about to be published.

Keith Ponath reported on the LMYA rendezvous scheduled for Port Washington this year on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Something new for this year will be a less formal dinner served outside, weather permitting.

Donna Danowski has the Captain & First Mates breakfast scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Dan Danowski and Keith Ponath reported on the MBC / WCF joint Dinghy Cruise scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> on the Rock River to Fort Atkinson.

Sam Graubner & Connie Heyden announced the food and money donated by club members will go to a needy family and a food pantry.

## OLD BUSINESS

Wayne reminded members that a 60-day notice was published in the March issue of *The Runabouter* regarding changing the maximum that the purser is allowed to pay bills without board approval from \$50 to \$500. Mid-May will mark 60 days, so the member approval vote will have to wait until the next membership meeting in October.

## NEW BUSINESS

Wayne mentioned that for many years, Todd Weiler and Bonnie Merryfield have been responsible for putting together and publishing the Club Directory. He felt that they are not duly recognized. Being that the Commodore appoints the committee chairpersons, he announced that he was appointing them Publishers of Club Directory. He directed Bonnie to find room on page 7 of the Directory to include this in the listings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Happel  
Yeoperson



## SCUTTLEBUTT

### SUCH DEDICATION

Daryl and Christine left after the April club meeting headed for Florida. They were hoping to drive as far as Indiana before stopping. Wow!

We appreciate the fact that they delayed their departure for hours so they could attend the meeting before taking off late at night on their long journey.

### OFFER AT SOME POINT IN TIME WE MIGHT WANT TO ACCEPT

After the tour and meeting at the Zierden Co., Pete said that if we find our clubroom too cold, we were always welcome to use his company meeting room. What a guy!

### FIRST IN

Denis Molloy was proud to inform me that he launched his boat April 15<sup>th</sup> at McKinley. I bet Denis has not done much sailing to date with this lousy weather. Anyway, Denis, you get one big "atta boy."

Jim Palmieri and Patty Heibel have sold their sailboat and are not very happy about being "boatless." They are, however, looking forward to finding the "right" new boat. They are also hoping we boaters will be able to take them out for a few rides so they can get their "boat fix" until their new boat appears on the horizon. They're retiring from their sailing career and want to move into the trawler world.

**DINNER AT FOX & HOUNDS RESTAURANT  
APRIL 6, 2011**



Tricia & Dale Peck



Gene & Kathy Schnagl



Hosts Dave & Carolyn Schneckenberg



Mary Ann & John Goetzman



Mary & Russ Berg



**DINNER AT FOX & HOUNDS RESTAURANT  
APRIL 6, 2011**



Sandy & Bob Kowalski



Snowbirds Bonnie & Pete Merryfield



Table of Friends



Tom & Cam McElwee, Denis Molloy, & Pat Moran

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