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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hello, Everyone,

Bonnie and I had a great time in Florida with the Bergs. Leo Wagner and Sue Ring-Wagner flew down to spend a few days and stayed with Russ and Mary. We were able to get in some boating and also saw official "snow-birds" Bernie and Gloria Larsen.

I heard reports that the "Chili Dump and Trivia Night" meeting was a good time, in spite of the kitchen being closed at the clubhouse. Thanks to Tom and Cam McElwee, Dave Risch and Nita Swartwout, and Craig Hesper's tough trivia questions for making the night a success. Special thanks to Todd Weiler for heading up the nominating committee. Thanks also to Vice-Commodore Grey Halstead for conducting the meeting in my absence and to his wife Cindy for filling in for Bonnie in the minutes-taking department.

Our next meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be an educational meeting and ethnic food night. Jim Heyden has arranged for Chris Winters, Milwaukee-based photojournalist specializing in Great Lakes maritime subjects and Discovery World staff photographer, to speak to us. For more information, be sure to view the link that our webmaster Daryl Grubbs e-mailed to us. Elections will also be held, so please try to attend.

The "Commodore's Ball" will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at South Shore Yacht Club and will be our last event of the year. Details and the invitation will be found in this newsletter and on the MBC website.

The renewal form for your 2009 MBC membership is also in this issue of *The Runabout*.

Hope to see you soon,

**Pete Merryfield**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-------------|--|
| November 20 | Educational Program and<br>"Ethnic Food Night"<br>(A-G bring desserts; H-Z hearty appetizers/salads)<br>Captain Jim Heyden |
| December 6  | MBC's Annual "Commodores' Ball"<br>South Shore Yacht Club<br>Captain Wayne Happel  |



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Pete Zierden
- 9 Marian Grasse
- 17 Cam McElwee
- 18 Grey Halstead
- 26 Charlene Zierden
- 27 Jim Heyden
- 28 Vance Werner

### DECEMBER

- 16 Jo Ann Shaw
- 17 Diana Garnier
- 20 Pete Merryfield
- 22 Mary Bykowski
- 30 Bernie Larsen

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### OFFICERS

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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

LMYA Representative ..... Wayne Happel  
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*The Runabout* Editor ..... Liz Beaudoin  
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 ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
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 Keeper of the Log.....  
 Photographers..... Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesel, and  
 ..... Bonnie Merryfield

## EDUCATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Make plans to attend this month's meeting. The speaker will be **Chris Winters**, a Milwaukee-based photojournalist specializing in Great Lakes maritime subjects and Discovery World staff photographer.

The link below will give you more information about Chris Winters. Be sure to play the video in the story below:

<http://www.9and10news.com/category/story/?id=144627>

For the corresponding "Ethnic Food Night," those with last names beginning with A through G bring desserts; those with last names beginning with H through Z, bring hearty appetizers/salads)

**Submitted by Jim Heyden**

### ADDITIONS/CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE MBC 2008 DIRECTORY

Please note the following change to the MBC Directory:

Dick Harvey's new e-mail address is:  
[rharvey60@att.net](mailto:rharvey60@att.net)

## MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2008

The Milwaukee Boat Club meeting for October 23, 2008 was called to order at 7:05PM by Vice Commodore Grey Halstead, standing in for Commodore Pete Merryfield, as Pete and Bonnie were in Fort Myers, Florida.

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

Craig Heser had a guest, Eddie Hahlbeck, in attendance.

Senior Pilot Wayne Happel reminded us all on the upcoming Commodore's Ball, to be held at South Shore Yacht Club Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, with cocktails starting at 5:30 PM.

Purser Dave Dorner reported an April 24, 2008 starting balance of \$2,443.04. Total income for the period of 4/24/2008 to 10/23/2008 was \$2,661.00. Total expenses for that period were \$3,479.48. Final balance as of October 23, 2008 was \$1,624.66.

Director of Programs Jim Heyden reported he is working on some ideas for our November educational meeting, and requesting ideas for future educational meetings. He suggested that the Titanic exhibit and corresponding IMAX presentation at the Milwaukee Public Museum might be a fun outing for the club. Please contact Jim if you are interested.

Please mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June. The annual LMYA Wisconsin Region Rendezvous will again be held in Sheboygan. The Saturday evening dinner will be at the Yacht Club.

Representing LMYA at a recent Port of Milwaukee Safety Committee meeting, Wayne Happel reported the following news items:

- ◆ The Coast Guard has acquired a new 45-foot boat with top speed of 43 knots.
- ◆ Milwaukee County is planning to move the air show from the harbor area to Bradford Beach. The committee is objecting to this for safety reasons.
- ◆ Yacht clubs and restaurants in the lake area are launching a plan to stop using Styrofoam cups and plates.
- ◆ It was reported that the Coast Guard made 90 search and rescues this past season.

Director of Nominations Todd Weiler discussed the slate of officer nominations for 2009-2010. The tentative roster is as follows:

Commodore: Grey Halstead  
 Vice-Commodore: Wayne Happel  
 Senior Pilot: Daryl Grubbs  
 Purser: Dave Dorner  
 Yeoman: Cindy Halstead  
 Director of Membership: Bonnie Merryfield  
 Director of Programs: Jim Heyden  
 Director of House & Equipment: Tom McElwee  
 Director of Refreshments: TBD  
 Past-Commodore: Pete Merryfield  
 Head of Election Committee: Todd Weiler

Elections will be held at our next meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Thanks to Captains Craig and Kim Heser, Dave Risch and Nita Swartwout, and Tom and Cam McElwee for taking charge of the chili dump. Dave saved the evening by bringing his big Nesco to warm up the chili, as we were locked out of Harborside's kitchen. Thanks also go out to Craig and Kim Heser for putting on a fun-filled "Milwaukee/Wisconsin" trivia game after everyone had a chance to enjoy the appetizers, chili, and dessert.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## MILWAUKEE BOAT CLUB 2008 COMMODORES BALL



**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
At the South Shore Yacht Club**

Cocktails	5:30 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM
Officer Ceremony	7:30 PM

Gift Exchange at your option. If you would like to participate, \$10 maximum please.  
Dancing with vocalist Dan Bertler

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| <u>Selection A:</u> Tenderloin Filet<br>(8 oz., with herb butter)                        | \$39 |
| <u>Selection B:</u> Sicilian Chicken<br>(8 oz., boneless, skinless, with mushroom sauce) | \$29 |
| <u>Selection C:</u> Alaskan Halibut<br>(8 oz., with white wine butter sauce)             | \$35 |

-----*Detach Here*-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Selection: \_\_\_\_\_ Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send checks made out to MBC no later than November 22<sup>nd</sup> to:**

Wayne Happel  
17450 Echo Lane  
Brookfield, WI 53045

# AHOY, MATEY! IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2009 DUES!



The MBC bylaws state, all dues are payable on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any member whose annual dues have not been paid to the club purser by December 1<sup>st</sup> shall be deemed in arrears and not in good standing. If a member has not paid his annual dues to the club purser by January 1<sup>st</sup>, the membership shall be terminated, his name shall be removed from the roll of members, and he shall cease to be a member of the club.

If you are planning on NOT rejoining (we hope not), you MUST notify either the commodore or the yeoman in writing of such desire, so the club has an accurate list of members for the 2009 Cruise Directory. Because new members accepted in 2008 paid dues on a prorated basis, they are now required to pay 2009 dues.

## 2009 MBC Dues Notice

All members: fill out this form completely. Print or type, as information is used for printing the membership roster in the 2009 cruise directory. Make checks payable to "Milwaukee Boat Club" and mail them to Bonnie Merryfield, N8 W31219 Salem Ct., Delafield, WI 53018-2921.

PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 1, 2008: \$70

Note: Dues for age 65 or older are reduced and are \$50 per year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Significant Other's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/date of Spouse/Significant Other's Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Mailing Address (Retirees): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

What Months? \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Single or Twin and Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_ If Sail, Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Where is boat kept during boating season? \_\_\_\_\_ Slip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I carry liability insurance on my boat with (company name): \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member/Boat Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

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