



# THE RUNABOUTER

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We recently experienced another successful corned beef and cabbage dinner this year with 36 members in attendance. The cooks were Russ & Mary Berg, Tom & Cam McElwee, Dan & Donna Danowski, George & Sam Graubner, and Wayne & Lynne Happel.

Much food preparation goes on behind the scenes. Russ picked up three cases of meat, vegetables and other supplies at his favorite restaurant supplier. He proceeded to deliver slabs of the meat to Donna and Lynne for pre-cooking and kept one to cook himself. Sue brought in additional dinnerware and refreshments and helped set tables with Mary, Cam & Donna. Meanwhile, Lynne and George sliced and cooked cabbage. The rest of the crew finished cooking and slicing the meat while Tom kept the dishes washed. To make this happen, we all had to be in the kitchen by 4:00 p.m. to begin our chores. Loads of food and cookware had to be hauled up to the second floor. It was all worth it when we were ready to serve by 7:00 p.m. After dinner, Tom and his mates cleaned up the kitchen while Jim sold the leftover meat. We even made a \$100 for the club! Now the committee is looking forward to next year when we can do it all over again.

By the time you get this newsletter we will have had the dinner at the Fox & Hounds. Thanks, Dave and Carolyn Schneckenberg, for arranging this event.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at The Zierden Company. Don't go to our usual clubhouse at Harborside. See insert in this newsletter for more details and location.

**Wayne Happel**



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### APRIL

- 4 Bill Erby
- 6 Dick Grabowski
- 7 Leo Wagner
- 10 John Grasse
- 15 Dave Dorner
- 24 Carolyn Nason

### MAY

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 11 Captains' (First Mates') Lunch
- April 21 MBC Membership Meeting  
at Pete Zierdens Factory & Needy Family Donations  
Captains George Graubner & Jim Heyden
- May 9 Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast
- May 13 "Shove-Off Spree"  
Seven Seas Restaurant  
Captain Jim Heyden
- May 21 Joint MBC/WCF "Dinghy Cruise"  
on Rock River  
Captain Dan Danowski

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 Vice-Commodore & Cruise Director ..... Daryl Grubbs  
 Senior Pilot..... Jim Heyden  
 Purser ..... Dave Dörner  
 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

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 .....Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden



**SCUTTLEBUTT**

Gloria Mitchelson offers the following suggestions for contributors to Scuttlebutt:

- ◆ New baby, new grandparents
- ◆ Engagement announcement
- ◆ Graduation, honor or award
- ◆ New job or retirement
- ◆ Special venturous trip
- ◆ New boat, car, toy, etc.

**MBC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 24, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by the commodore after the membership meeting.

Board members present: D. Schneckenberg, G. Halstead, J. Heyden, T. McElwee and W. Happel. Sitting in for L. Wagner was Sue Ring-Wagner.

We met to further discuss the merits of liability insurance. The club's assets are only about \$3,000, but Wayne questioned whether we needed, what is referred to in the industry as, officers and directors insurance.

At the suggestion of a club member, we obtained and reviewed State Statute 181, which addresses liability of a club officer or director. We decided to determine at a later date if further study is warranted and adjourned the meeting.

**Wayne Happel**  
**Commodore**

## MBC MINUTES FROM MARCH 24, 2011

Commodore Wayne Happel called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

The first item on his agenda was to thank the committee that prepared the corned beef & cabbage dinner.

The minutes of the February 17th meeting were approved as published in *The Runabout*.

The Commodore gave 60 days notice that an amendment to the bylaws will be voted for approval by the membership to change the maximum amount the purser is permitted to pay bills without board approval from \$50 to \$500.

Senior Pilot Jim Heyden reminded everyone the Shove-Off Spree is scheduled for May 13th at Seven Seas restaurant

Purser's Report was presented by Wayne Happel on Dave Dorner's behalf. Starting balance 2/17/11 was \$2,886.37, Expenses \$331.13, income \$332 and ending balance 3/23/11 \$2,887.24.

Program Chair Dave Schneckenberg reminded members of the dinner at Fox & Hounds on April 6th.

Wayne reported that at the March Harbor Safety meeting, it was announced buoys would be placed on sunken wrecks near the Port of Milwaukee. Also a buoy will be set over rocks near the water surface east of Bender Park on Lake Michigan. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 4,000 volunteers will clean up the shore along The Milwaukee River.

Air Show – See Russ Berg to volunteer your boat to fire air guns 7 to 10 days prior to the event to scare away birds, which are a hazard to low flying jet planes during the show.

Sam Graubner reminded members that she and Connie were collecting non-perishable food items for the needy this evening and at next month's meeting. Any cash donations will be used to buy Pick & Save gift cards for the needy.

Dan Danowski announced that a boat safety examination would be held at SSYC June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A reminder was made that the April 21<sup>st</sup> membership meeting will be at the Zierden Company. See more details in an article in this issue of *The Runabout*.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. A corned beef and cabbage dinner followed the meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Happel  
Yeoperson**

## SPECIAL APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We have the privilege of being invited to our next membership meeting at The Zierden Company. This is a company owned by MBC member Pete Zierden.

We will begin with a short meeting held in Pete's very comfortable conference room. There you will be able to view Pete's "G" collection, which stands for garden scale model railroad engines and rail cars. He also has some ship models on display.

Pete has a modern manufacturing facility with some of the largest machines in the Midwest. He will take us on a guided tour to observe the manufacture of products he produces for the off-road construction industry, flood control pumps for Louisiana, gear cases for opening and closing the Mississippi Locks, rock quarry crushing machinery and fabrications used in the mining industry.

I have visited Pete's facility many times and assure you that you will not be disappointed.

Members with last names beginning with letters A – M, please bring hearty appetizers. Those with last names beginning with N – Z, please bring desserts.

Bring a non-perishable food item for a needy family's Easter dinner.

**Wayne Happel**

### Directions to The Zierden Company

Take I-94 south to exit 320, Rawson Ave. Turn left on Rawson; go 1 mile to 1st St. Look for Cousins Sub on corner. Turn right on 1<sup>st</sup> St. and go ¼ mile to 7335, a red brick building on the west side of the street. Park in the small lot north of the building, in front of the three overhead doors, or in the lot south of the building.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER MARCH 24, 2011



Grey Halstead, Tricia and Dale Peck



Sue Ring-Wagner and Dick Schmidt



Dave and Carolyn Schneckenberg



Sue Ring-Wagner, Tricia Peck, Mary Berg and Cindy Halstead



Dale Peck, Dan Danowski, Russ Berg



Sam Graubner and Cam McElwee

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER MARCH 24, 2011



Mary Ann and John Goetzman, Scott and Barb Burke



Kathy Schnagl, Connie and Jim Heyden, Lynda Nelson



Tom and Cam McElwee, Sandy and Ken Dziubek  
Lynda Nelson,, Connie and Jim Heyden



Wayne and Lynne Happel (front)  
John and Mary Ann Goetzman (back)

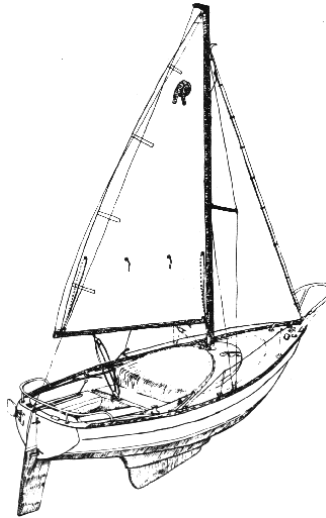


Donna and George Finch (left), Karen and Dick Schmidt



Dave Risch and Nita Swartwout

### MBC SHOVE-OFF SPREE



**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 P.M. Cocktails

7:00 P.M. Dinner

Seven Seas Restaurant  
Private Dining Room  
1807 Nagawicka Rd., Hartland WI 53029

#### **MENU**

##### Family Style Fish & Chicken

Fried Cod, Steam Baked Cod, Italian Baked Chicken  
French Fries, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Coleslaw  
Rye Bread & Butter  
Coffee, Tea, Milk  
Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce  
Cash Bar

**Cost is \$25 per person.**

Please mail your check soon, so we can get a count but no later than Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Copy and mail this portion with your check (made payable to Milwaukee Boat Club) to:

Jim and Connie Heyden  
P.O. Box 44  
Brookfield, WI 53008

Your Name(s) (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ (number in party) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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