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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ★★ ★

The Commodore's Ball this year was held for the first time at the newly renovated Radisson Hotel in Menomonee Falls. of which Jim Heyden is a principal owner.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner in a beautifully decorated ballroom. In addition, Jim provided us with wine at dinner, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and the ballroom with two bartenders, all at no cost to the Milwaukee Boat Club.

All of you have heard the saying, "Behind every successful man is a woman". Well, Jim has Connie. Connie made sure the tables were beautifully set up, name tags provided, and the room decorated for Christmas. In addition, favors were offered, and Connie prepared the photo book with all her clever captions. It was estimated by one of our experts on book preparation (Grey) that Connie invested 80 to 100 hours on this book.

The Fickle Finger Award was presented by last year's recipient, Russ Berg, to Dale Peck. It seems Dale took a swan dive off his boat's swim platform onto an asphalt driveway and broke his wrist, injured his leg and severely bruised his face. Poor Dale!

The evening ended with dancing to a great five piece band called "The Chuck Travis Band" engaged by Daryl Grubbs.

Thanks, Jim and Connie, for all you did to make this year's Commodore's Ball a great event. A good way for members to show their appreciation would be to stop by The Radisson occasionally for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Make reservations at the Radisson for people you know are coming to town.

The board would like to do some fundraisers. Please think about this and let Wayne or Dave Schneckenberg know your ideas.

I have talked to Christine Grubbs and others about attendance and listened to their suggestions. We have increased the number of members in recent years but meeting attendance seems to drag. I would appreciate member comments regarding why you may not attend meetings. Some reasons:

- Starting time
- Location
- Condition of club room
- Lack of heat (we are trying to address this)
- Would like an adjoining bar and or restaurant

What else?

I hope to see all of you at the January 19<sup>th</sup> planning meeting, which will be held at the Zierden Company. Directions will appear in the January Runabout.

Lynne and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

**Wayne Happel**



## BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

### DECEMBER

- 16 Jo Ann Shaw
- 17 Diana Garnier
- 20 Pete Merryfield
- 22 Mary Bykowski
- 25 Jane Evans-Krenz
- 26 Barbara Burke
- 30 Bernie Larsen

### JANUARY

- 3 Mary Berg
- 12 Jan-Marie Weiler
- 13 Bonnie Merryfield
- 13 Dale Peck
- 14 Carol Gegner
- 16 Todd Weiler
- 18 Daryl Grubbs
- 21 Tricia Peck
- 25 Bill Newby
- 27 Dan Danowski
- 30 Shirley Harvey

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19, 2012

2012 Planning Meeting  
at The Zierden Company

**Milwaukee Boat Club, Inc.****P.O. Box 1463****Milwaukee, WI 53201-1463****<http://www.milwaukeeboatclub.com>****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  
 Webmaster..... Daryl Grubbs  
 Dry Dock & Welfare..... Charlene Zierden  
 Club Sales..... Nancy Grabowski  
 Audit and Bylaws..... Nancy Grabowski  
 Cruise Directory Advertising ..... Pete Merryfield  
 Historian..... Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesel,  
 ..... Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden  
 Keeper of the Log..... Sue Ring-Wagner  
 Photographer ..... Cindy Halstead, Kim Hesel,  
 ..... Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden  
 Publishers of Club Directory ..... Bonnie Merryfield  
 ..... and Todd Weiler

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
 NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by the commodore.

The first item discussed was the possibility of relocating our club meeting room to another facility. Several club members suggested this because of inadequate heat in the club room and the difficulty of climbing stairs to the second floor.

It was decided to occasionally use the meeting room offered to us by the Zierden Company. However, this

would not be a permanent solution as it would not be available for all our meetings and the location (Franklin) might be inconvenient for some members.

It was noted we enjoy the fact that Harborside Yacht Center is centrally located, has a marine atmosphere, the club room is free for our use, and we have our own refrigerator and storage cabinets that we would rather not give up. Accordingly, the board decided that the one major disadvantage to the room was lack of heat and, therefore, the commodore ought to ask Harborside to fix this. The addition of adequate 110 volt power outlets would also be addressed.

Members and some board members have suggested we draft an annual budget and also perform annual financial audits. The board agreed a budget should be implemented and accordingly the Purser was instructed to prepare one for board review. A related change to the by-laws will be presented to members for approval. We have an audit chairperson, whom we will instruct to submit to the board a written audit statement for the year 2011 in January.

Dan Danowski suggested at the November meeting that we share the cost of new carpeting for the club room with Harborside Yacht Club and the Coast Guard Auxiliary who also use the room. The board considered this and declined.

Board Member Jim Heyden suggested increasing our income through fundraisers. The board will ask the members for suggestions.

Tom McElwee suggested at the November meeting that the club purchase a Nesco cooker. It was noted we lack storage space and therefore, continuing to borrow these cookers makes sense.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,  
 Lynne Happel  
 Yeoperson**

**IN SYMPATHY**

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Ken and Sherry Rupena on the passing of Sherry's father. Ken and Sherry are former members and longtime supporters of Milwaukee Boat Club, advertising in our annual directory.

### MBC MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Commodore Wayne Happel called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

The minutes were approved for the October membership meeting as printed in *The Runabout*.

The Commodore reported on the board meeting which was held earlier in the evening (See board meeting minutes – this issue).

Senior Pilot Jim Heyden reported on plans for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Commodore's Ball.

Purser Dave Dorner reported a starting balance 10/20/2011 of \$1,592.28, expenses of \$75 and an ending balance 11/16/2011 of \$1,517.28. Dave will prepare a 2012 budget for the board to review.

Dan Danowski asked that club members patronize our advertisers and inform them that we are MBC members.

Pete Merryfield encouraged members to help solicit more advertisers. Pete said he has been the advertising chairperson for 10 years and would like someone else to assume this position. Anyone interested should contact Pete. The Commodore can appoint someone to this position any time since this is an appointed position.

The election of officers and directors for year 2012 was led by Past Commodore Grey Halstead. The following members were elected:

Commodore	Wayne Happel
Vice Commodore	Daryl Grubbs
Senior Pilot	Jim Heyden
Purser	Dave Dorner
Yeoperson	Lynne Happel
Membership	Bonnie Merryfield
Programs	Dave Schneckenberg
Refreshments	Leo Wagner

After the election, Cindy announced that it was Grey's birthday at which time everyone sang happy birthday to the old fellow.

Donna Danowski suggested we post the Directory online and eliminate the print version. A number of members indicated they prefer the hard copy and would rather not print it out as they keep a copy in their

boat and a print copy is not durable. The commodore said he would not pursue this suggestion unless he heard from members to the contrary.

Dan Danowski was informed that the board reviewed his suggestion that the club contribute along with Harbor Side Yacht Center and the Coast Guard Auxiliary for the cost to replace the carpeting in the club room. The board decided not to spend money for carpeting at this time, as it would put a strain on our budget. Since Dan had asked Harborside and the Coast Guard Auxiliary if they would consider joining us in this purchase, he was asked to get back to them and inform them of the board's decision.

Wayne thanked Dave Schneckenberg for arranging the education meeting this evening. Dave brought in Marc Kavinsky from the NOAA National Weather Service who gave a very interesting speech on the structure of the department, marine products, marine safety and services they offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Submitted by Yeoperson Lynne Happel**

### DRY DOCK

We're all glad to hear that Jean Bluemner is returning home from the hospital after a week's stay. Many prayers go out for your continued good health, Jean.

MBC member Vance Werner successfully underwent bladder cancer surgery. All of us in the club wish Vance a speedy recovery and send him our prayers for good health.

All of us in MBC send "Get-Well" wishes to Barry Goodstein, who is recuperating from heart surgery.

Longtime Milwaukee Boat Club member John Grasse is now in a long-term care facility which is located just past Brown Deer Road. John's new address is

Trinity Village  
7300 W. Dean Rd.  
Room 309  
Milwaukee, WI. 53223

The entire membership sends John wishes for a speedy recovery.

# EDUCATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2011



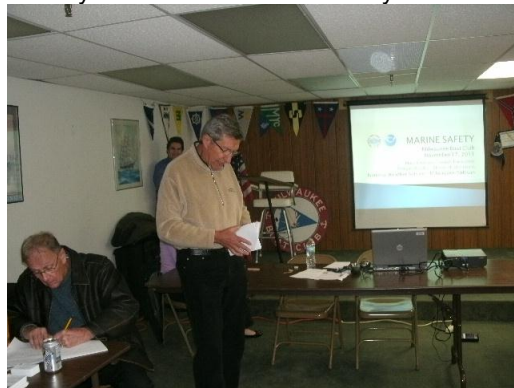
Bob, Todd, & Jan Listening to Guest Speakers



Cindy Halstead & Bonnie Merryfield



Danowskis, Graubners, & Burkes



Dave Schneckenberg



Lynda Nelson & Lynne Happel



National Weather Service Guest Speakers



Welcome Back, Dave!

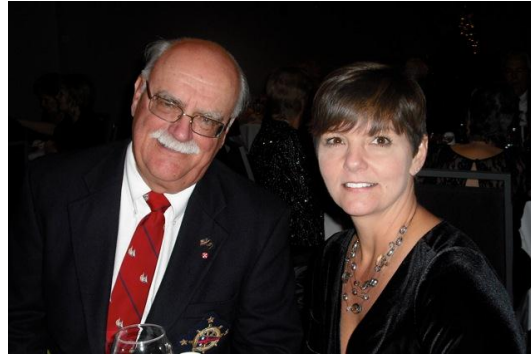
### COMMODORE'S BALL DECEMBER 3, 2011



Taking the oath of office = L - R = Leo Wagner/Director of Refreshments, Wayne Happel/Commodore, Dave Schneckenberg/Director of Programs, Lynne Happel/Yeoman, Bonnie Merryfield/Director of Membership, Jim Heyden/Senior Pilot, Dave Dorner/Purser, and Daryl Grubbs/Vice Commodore & Cruise Director



Vance & Kathy Werner



Bruce & Carolyn Nason



Pete & Bonnie Merryfield



L - R = Kathy Werner, Bonnie Merryfield, Kim Hesper, Mary Berg, Cindy Halstead, Sandy Kowalski



L - R = Pete Merryfield, Russ Berg, Todd Weiler, Leo Wagner

### COMMODORE'S BALL DECEMBER 3, 2011



Grey & Cindy Halstead



Carolyn Schneckenberg & Bonnie Merryfield



Russ Berg says, "I think I'm missing the swimming pool!"



Party-goers take time out to watch the Badgers win the football game. Rose Bowl, here we come!



Jim & Connie Heyden



Jan Weiler & Bonnie Merryfield check out the 2011 MBC scrapbook Connie Heyden put together.

# AHOY, MATEY! IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2012 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 2012 Cruise Directory. Because new members accepted in 2011 paid dues on a prorated basis, they are now required to pay 2012 dues.

## 2012 MBC Dues Notice

All members: fill out this form completely. Print or type, as information is used for printing the membership roster in the 2012 cruise directory. If there are no changes from last year, write "no changes" across the renewal form. 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, 2011: \$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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