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SCUTTLEBUTT

Oh, Woe is Me!

Dick Schmidt launched his new pontoon boat at SSYC and proceeded to take it on a maiden voyage July 3rd. He cruised over to the lagoon at Northshore State Park and created a wake a bit taller than what a Milwaukee Harbor Patrol Officer felt was within the “slow no wake” ordinance. Dick now has a ticket to prove his new pontoon boat will get up on plane with ten passengers on board.

Dick’s boat is a 22’ Premier Pontoon with an enclosed rear cabana and a 90 H.P. Merc.

USDA BIRD STRIKE & GULL HARASSMENT PROGRAM FOR MILWAUKEE AIRSHOW

USDA is looking for volunteers with or without a boat to harass gulls by piloting boats and firing pyrotechnics and air cannons.

Boats will leave each day in three shifts from a staging area at McKinley Marina starting Wednesday August 3rd through August 7th.

Sign up with Russ Berg for any of the following slots:

- 8 am to noon
- Noon to 4 pm
- 4 to 8 pm

This work is being done because last year during the Airshow, one of the Blue Angles engines was destroyed due to intake of a gull. Several other planes also struck gulls. If this threat is not eliminated, we risk losing this show, so please help by volunteering your service.

Submitted by Russ Berg



Milwaukee Harbor July 3rd, prior to fireworks display

Submitted by Wayne Happel

LMYA Rendezvous at Port Washington was the Best Ever

Many LMYA members have been praising the Rendezvous at Port Washington as the best in years, and it truly was fun from the word "go." We started off Friday night with a gathering at the Port Washington Hotel for a fine dinner in a private dining room. The place was packed, and it was a good thing we had the room reserved as 30 people showed up to enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship. The historic hotel has a lot of charm and the food was outstanding.

Saturday started off with a continental breakfast courtesy of the Port Washington Yacht Club, and our traditional LMYA update meeting. Captain's gifts were distributed, and commodore Jim Mergener gave a short presentation on what has been happening with the LMYA in recent months. The Port Washington Chamber of Commerce had provided welcome packets to all visitors with coupons and maps of the area so the shoppers could enjoy the afternoon seeing the area and shopping at local merchant's establishments. There was even a coupon for a sample at the chocolate shop, and almost everyone used it.

Saturday night's festivities began with the delicious cookout food prepared by the yacht club members, followed by the entertainment from the 5 piece band Vinyl Groove. We also had a large silent auction going on, with many gifts, certificates, and donated items up for bids. Many thanks to the Milwaukee Boat Club, South Shore Yacht Club, and especially the Port Washington Yacht Club for the prizes that they donated to make the auction a success. Attendance this year was 34 LMYA members, and we were joined by over 130 members of the Port Washington Yacht Club for the celebration. It was the kind of warm reception and hospitality that makes us want to return again in future years.

**Jim Mergener
Commodore
LMYA**

SSYC GOVERNMENT LIAISON MEETING JUNE 9, 2011

Following is a brief of the above meeting condensed from a report by David Wehnes of SSYC.

The meeting was attended by Sue Black of Milwaukee County, Senator Kohl's and Rep. Moore's offices, city of Milwaukee Harbor Master, and five representatives of SSYC.

The following issues were discussed:

The underwater hazard south of SSYC has been removed. The hazard north of SSYC has been identified as a large deposit of foundry slag and cannot be removed. Accordingly, the US Coast Guard will provide and maintain a permanent buoy.

A sandbar exists along the inside passage of the break wall from the north entrance near the Lake Express Terminal to the south entrance off south shore beach. Due to disrepair of this break wall, sand is carried over and through the breaks in the wall during storms or strong east winds. This has been building up in recent years and creating the sandbar. Water depth over this sandbar now ranges from six inches to two feet. Milwaukee County maintains a series of buoys that mark this sandbar.

Groundings on this bar average 12 a year, so it is important to navigate as far west of the brake wall as practical. Funding for removal of this sand which amounts to approximately 200,000 cubic yards is in the planning stage. The break wall protecting SSYC was built 70 years ago and nothing has been done to maintain it.

The portion of the wall south of SSYC was rebuilt several years ago at a cost of four million dollars. Representatives at the meeting said they would work to move this project along.

While the existing break wall does a fair job of protecting the south shore basin from waves coming from the north and east, there is little protection for the south mooring basin and launch ramp when the wind is from the south. The Corps of Engineers is looking at several designs for a break wall to solve this problem. Milwaukee County has a target date of June 2013 to get these projects completed.

Wayne Happel

LMYA RENDEZVOUS JULY 2, 3, & 4, 2011



Jim and Sally Mergener



Denis Molloy, Brad & Pat Moran



Tricia Peck, Cindy Halstead, & Bonnie Merryfield



Grey Halstead, Sally Mergener, & Karen Schmidt



Rear Commodore Murray Wright and his wife, Sandy, representing our hosts at Port Washington Yacht Club

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