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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

MBC's 50th Anniversary extravaganza was a great time for everyone who attended. The weather was perfect, and, thanks to all the help the club received, every facet of the event went off without a hitch. Be sure to read the article in this issue, and check out the photos in the newsletter and the additional photos on www.milwaukeeboatclub.com. Once again, thanks to our 50th anniversary chairman Jeff Addie and all the members who helped to make this important event a great success.

Boats are starting to be taken out for the year and, with that, go all the chores that have to be done – winterizing, emptying refrigerators, and the final pumpouts.

The "Oktoberfest" had a nice turnout, as usual. I heard the beer was cold and all who attended this event captained by Wayne Happel had a good time. I would have liked to attend, but Grey Halstead and I had a chance to get football tickets for the Wisconsin game in Madison. Go, Badgers!

The next get-together is the "Chili Dump" on October 25th. Captains Dave Risch and Tom McElwee will see that everyone gets enough to eat.

Don't forget the November 13th Captains' and Admirals' breakfast at Bluemound Gardens.

November 15th is the Elections and Education meeting. An "Ethnic" food night is also planned for that meeting. Please try to attend.

The last important event of the year is the annual "Commodore's Ball" held this year on December 1st at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. More information will follow.

Inside this issue, you'll find the 2008 MBC membership renewal for you to fill out and send in to Bonnie. We know 2008 will continue to be exciting for MBC.

Pete Merryfield

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 25	Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
November 13	Captains & Admirals' Breakfast
November 15	Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
December 1	Annual Commodores' Ball
December 4	Captains' & Admirals' Breakfast
January 28, 2008	Club Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Milwaukee Boat Club Annual Chili Dump October 25, 2007 6:30 PM



Captains Dave Risch and Tom McElwee

Bring your appetite and a container of warm or room temperature chili.
(No Hormel, please!)

Six volunteers are needed to bring a light appetizer, salad, or dessert. Please call or e-mail Christine Grubbs to sign up.



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

OCTOBER

- 17 Joan Czaplicki
- 19 Sandi Kowalski
- 19 Bud Martiny
- 19 Pat Moran
- 21 Marilyn McCormick
- 21 Jeri Paddock
- 25 Lee Hart
- 28 Denis Molloy
- 29 Nancy Grabowski
- 31 Sam Graubner

NOVEMBER

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

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- Bonnie Merryfield

Mexican Cheese Squares



Ingredients

- 12 oz. shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 6 oz. shredded reduced fat cheddar cheese
- 1 – 4 oz. can, chopped mild green chilies
- 2 tablespoons of mild jalapeño, chopped from a jar

Directions

1. Layer 1/3 of both cheeses in a 7" x 11" pan.
2. Top with half the can of chilies and 1 tablespoon of the chopped jalapeños.
3. Top with 1/3 of both cheeses.
4. Top with the remaining half of the green chilies and more jalapeños if desired.
5. Top with the remainder of the cheese.
6. Combine 2 tablespoons of milk with 1 1/2 tablespoons of flour; mix until creamy.
7. Scramble in 3 eggs.
8. Pour the mixture evenly over the top.
9. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 minutes.
10. Cut into squares with a serrated knife. Serve on top of a taco chip or cracker.

Many requested I submit the recipe above. It was a hit at the anniversary bash.

Mary Martiny

MBC Celebrates in High Style

Milwaukee Boat Club's 50th Anniversary celebration on September 8, 2007 was everything the club could have wished and more. The day began with a buffet luncheon at the Pieces of Eight restaurant next to Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin. Connie and Jim Heyden, new member (as of that day) Lynda Nelson, and Cindy Halstead greeted guests at the nametag table. Connie, Jim, and Lynda issued the nametags and presented the captains' gifts. The insulated tumblers with an embossed MBC logo were big hits, and thanks go to Christine Grubbs for taking charge of the ordering. Many members immediately purchased extras. (F.Y.I. More are available for purchase at \$7.00 each, and we'll have them at future meetings and get-togethers.) Cindy took charge of finances and checking off the names of the guests. Bud and Mary Martiny and Wayne and Lynne Happel directed guests to the dining room and the photo area where Christine Grubbs, official anniversary photographer, took photos of guests in front of the large wooden MBC logo.

It was so much fun to witness the reunions taking place as people reconnected with boating friends they hadn't seen in years. There was a lot of history in the room, and we were so glad that 11 past-commodores were able to be present. Be sure to see the commodores' picture in the photo section.

Commodore Pete Merryfield welcomed everyone to the celebration and presented bottles of wine to the oldest former or current member (Bob Jordan), the person who had come the farthest (Dave Risch), the person who had served as commodore the most years (Dick Grabowski), and the person who had received the "Fickle Finger of Fate" the most times (Gloria Mitchelson accepting for her and Bill). I read letters from past members who were unable to attend the celebration. Ninety-three-year old Glen Miller sent his regrets and mentioned he had come up with the name "Milwaukee Boat Club" and the original "Fickle Finger of Fate" award. Jeri Paddock, Dennis and Mary Heitman, Joyce Peterson, and Bob and Dian Champion also wrote to share their memories.

The buffet luncheon, especially the prime rib tips and the dessert table, met with everyone's approval. The restaurant staff said we were the friendliest group they had had in a long time, and we complimented them on a job well done.

After the luncheon, we all walked over to the docks at Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin where four boats were waiting to take guests for sightseeing rides. Bill and Joni Johnson's beautiful boat "Joni-Will II" took 22 people on board, and Dave and Judy Dorners' pontoon "Does Knot," Dave Risch's "Knot-to-Worry," and Pete and Bonnie Merryfield's "Merrytyme" all made two trips up the Milwaukee River with sightseers. Our guests really enjoyed their cruises and couldn't believe how many condos and restaurants are

going up along the river. They also appreciated seeing the art museum's Calatrava addition from the water, as well as all of the changes to the McKinley Marina and the Inner Harbor. The angels smiled on us with the gorgeous weather throughout the day – sunny, about 75 degrees, little white puffy clouds in the sky, no humidity, and no wind. It doesn't get any better than that, although Dick and Shirley Harvey who sailed over to Discovery World on "Breakaway," or the "Dennis Sullivan," which put in an appearance, likely missed the wind.

Following the afternoon boat rides, we headed to the McKinley Pavillion to get everything set up for the evening's festivities. The Heydens picked up the food that had been ordered, including a beautiful cake featuring the MBC logo and balloons in red, white, and blue. Craig and Kim Hesper, Wayne and Lynne Happel, Cindy and Grey Halstead, Bud and Mary Martiny, and Daryl and Christine Grubbs put up the decorations, set out ice and beverages, and arranged all of the food, including the delicious appetizers contributed by members. We were amazed that the tables didn't collapse from the weight of the food! We had sandwiches, veggie and fruit trays, spreads, shrimp, salsa – the list could go on and on. We heard many comments about how great it was to be able to snack (graze) at the tables as the evening went on.

The band "Class Act" performed throughout the evening, and partygoers enjoyed listening and dancing to the wonderful music. The previous Sunday, Pete and I had carried 50 years of albums down the side stairs of the clubhouse (what a job!), and at the Pavilion we stacked them by decades. I was unsure that people would even look at the albums, but former and current members continuously browsed through them. Older members called me over to show me the photos of those whose memories had been read at the luncheon, and it was so nice to be able to put faces with the names.

Donald Grubbs was stationed on the lower level as "Keeper of the Pavillion Restroom Keys." Many commented about what a polite young man he is, and the club certainly appreciated his volunteering to help us out.

The band ended at 10:30, but people still lingered talking and laughing. It was after 11:30 by the time we got the Pavillion cleaned up, but the glorious day made it all worthwhile.

The thanks of the entire Milwaukee Boat Club and all those who attended the celebration go out to Jeff Addie, the chairman of the event, who was unable to attend due to health problems. As Pete said in his speech at the luncheon, "Jeff developed the outline for the day's events, made the important contacts, and got the ball rolling." Jeff's presence was missed, but he was certainly there in spirit. We couldn't have asked for a better celebration to commemorate 50 years of boating camaraderie. Here's to another 50 years!

Bonnie Merryfield

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50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AT THE MCKINLEY MARINA PAVILLION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2007**

AHOY, MATEY! IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2008 DUES!



The MBC bylaws state, all dues are payable on or before December 1st of each year. Any member whose annual dues have not been paid to the club purser by December 1st 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 1st, 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 2008 Cruise Directory. Because new members accepted in 2007 paid dues on a prorated basis, they are now required to pay 2008 dues.

2008 MBC Dues Notice

All members: fill out this form completely. Print or type, as information is used for printing the membership roster in the 2008 cruise directory. Make checks payable to "Milwaukee Boat Club" and mail them to Bonnie Merryfield, N8 W31219 Salem Ct., Delafield, WI 53018-2921.

If you have no changes from 2007, simply write "No Changes" across the application when you send it in with your check.

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: _____

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Name of Boat: _____ Make: _____ Length: _____

Single or Twin and Horsepower: _____ If Sail, Number: _____

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