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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It has been a great summer with many fun events captained once again by our members. Individual articles appear in other sections of this edition so I will not be redundant by repeating them in my column.

The fall lineup of events begins with the annual picnic September 10th captained by the Hayden's and hosted at the Berg's house. Thanks in advance, Russ and Mary, for stepping up when we needed a place to hold this event. Let Jim or Connie know ASAP if you will attend this picnic.

Dan and Donna will hold the next Captain & First Mate Breakfast at Maxfield's Pancake house Monday, September 12th.

Look for a special announcement in this issue of the Wives & Lovers Dinghy cruise on September 17th.

Plan on joining us September 24th at the Bavarian Inn for an Oktoberfest celebration. Watch for an email blast from Leo & Sue with the details.

Wayne Happel



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Rita Tiemann
- 3 Kathy Schnagl
- 3 Ellen Baugher
- 4 Davis Hohn
- 10 Juanita "Nita" Swartwout
- 21 George Finch
- 22 Cindy Halstead
- 24 Gloria Mitchelson
- 26 Peggy Miotke
- 29 Nancy Grabowski
- 30 Barbara Newby

OCTOBER

- 3 Carolyn Schneckenberg
- 19 Sandi Kowalski
- 19 Pat Moran
- 21 Marilyn McCormick
- 21 Jeri Paddock
- 22 John Wilde
- 27 Sally Mergener
- 28 Denis Molloy
- 30 Bill Martin
- 31 Sam Graubner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 17 | Joint MBC/WCF Wives & Lovers Dinghy Cruise Captain Dan Danowski |
| September 24 | "Oktoberfest" Bavarian Inn Captains Leo & Sue Wagner |
| September 24 | Louie's Last Regatta Captain Dick Harvey |
| October 10 | Captains' (First Mates') Lunch |
| October 20 | "Chili Dump" and Trivia Contest 6:30 P.M. Harborside Yacht Center Captains Craig Hesper & Tom McElwee |

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 and Todd Weiler



SCUTTLEBUTT

SALT OF THE EARTH

What a great bunch of captains and mates. This all happened in support of the river event at Marcus Center on August 27 featured elsewhere in this issue.

Dave and Judy were concerned about having to run in open waters in a pontoon boat after small craft warnings were issued. However, they insisted on honoring their commitment and cruised to the river hours early. Unfortunately, they had to return to their mooring after delivering the concert players because of a running light failure and thus missed the event.

Dick and Karen refused to abort and therefore ran in very rough waters across the outer harbor to the Marcus center and back so as to keep their promise to ferry the concert players.

Craig and Joan, Waukesha Cruise Fleet members, did a great job loading VIP's and following a show time schedule that was timed to the minute.

Gene and Kathy, Denis, Pat and Son showed great dedication serving as the dock crew. They tied up five boats and assisted 37 people that disembarked from the boats. This all had to be done in a matter of 15 minutes. Gene played a major role in relaying instructions from the event director to the boaters by hand held marine radio.

I am proud of all these volunteers and thank them for their service.

Wayne Happel

**WIVES AND LOVERS
DINGHY CRUISE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

The trip is finally set (with no rain date) for the Fox Chain O' Lakes in northern Illinois. We will put the boats in the water at 10:00 A.M. at Chain O' Lakes State Park, 8916 Wilmot Road, Spring Grove, Ill. See directions below.

If you wish to stay overnight a Comfort Inn in Antioch Ill., is about 7 miles from the launch ramp. Comfort Inn, 350 Rte 173 Antioch Ill. 60002 Phone 847, 395-3606.

Anyone wanting to stop for breakfast can meet me at Joe's Diner, 25489 Rte 173 Antioch, about 8:15 A.M. It is about 5 miles from the ramp. El Puerto Mexican Restaurant on Fox Lake will be open and has the capacity for a large group lunch. Margaret and Keith have eaten there, the food is good, and they do have a limited American menu. Usually we will stop and raft for a snack and beverage along the way (pack your own).

The Fox Chain O' Lakes has many beautiful lakes and channels, plus the Fox River. There is a lakes permit required, which can be purchased at the launch ramp – \$17.00 for a one day permit. We will be doing some lake boating so there may be some wakes from larger boats. If you want to keep up, you must be able to get on plane. Since there are 40-foot boats on the "chain," size is no limit. If you have any questions you can call:

WCF: Keith Ponath 414-421-5442

- or -

MBC: Dan Danowski 262-786-2995

Directions to the launch ramp:

Take Hwy 41 or 45 south to Ill. 173 go west thru Antioch to Wilmot Rd. (there is a Marathon Gas station on the corner). Turn left and go 2 miles to the Chain O' Lakes State Park entrance, turn left and go about 2 miles to the launch ramp. When going west on Rte 173 do not turn left at Chain O' Lakes Oak Point entrance.

Submitted by Keith Ponath and Dan Danowski

MBC & SSYC CRUISE TO RACINE

On Friday August 26th, the Grabowskis, Merryfields, and Dick Harvey headed down to 5th Street Yacht Club in Racine. We had calm seas and the same great hospitality we always get from 5th Street. The Vice Commodore offered us his car so we could tour Racine. We had a fish fry at the yacht club and spent the evening relaxing.

Saturday morning, we headed to Racine Yacht Club, where the Bergs, Wagners, Graubners, and Halsteds joined us. The Graubners had their daughter and granddaughters with them. Kennan & Lynn Wood and their daughter Alena also drove down to spend the day with us. The gentlemen spent the afternoon in a pub crawl, and the ladies did their best to find the bargains on Main Street. The men met up with three SSYC members that came down for the Pub Crawl. Lunch was at the Yardarm and dinner was at Charlie's Chart House. Both meals were excellent.

Saturday afternoon we also had a trivia game on the Bergs' boat. Three players left with a bottle of wine.

Sunday morning was our departure time, but the waves were four to seven feet. It was a group decision not to leave until Monday, when the forecast was for much calmer seas. Sunday evening we had a delicious potluck cookout on the lawn of the Racine Yacht Club and ended the evening with a sing-along on the Halsteds' new Catalina sailboat. Good weather, calm seas, and good friends gave us a memorable weekend trip.

Submitted by Richard Grabowski

WATER AUGUST 27, 2011

A major event occurred on the river before the concert started. Two power boats, provided by Craig Lake and me, boarded VIPs from the community and took them for a short cruise on the river before bringing them to the Marcus Center face dock. As the cruisers approached the dock, they were greeted by approximately 2000 concert ticket holders who were standing in front of the Marcus Center and on the bridges.

Following the cruisers were two pontoon boats captained by the Dorners and Schmidts. They carried 20 musicians, who played their instruments to the tune of, "Row Your Boat" as they approached the Marcus face dock with hundreds of people greeting them.

The Police Boat watched over us, but, unfortunately, the Fire Department Boat was unable to put on a planned demonstration because of a miscommunication.

After everyone was off loaded at the dock with the aid of the Schnagls and Molloy's, everyone entered Uihlein Hall for the concert.

Water: That's what it was called: "Water." A group called "Present Music" performed a show by that title in Uihlein Hall at the Marcus Center for the Performing

Arts. A group of MBC members experienced this unusual concert.

A large screen above the stage streamed pictures of – what else? – water. Music began to play slowly and quietly, with instruments simulating the sounds of water: waves breaking, sloshing, raining, and dripping. The music gradually increased in intensity but never with any appreciable melody. This theme continued throughout the entire concert. To add to the water effect, a musician sat in front of a fish tank filled with water. Upon a cue from the conductor, the musician would gently slide his hands in the water and create miniature waves amplified over the theater sound system. He actually had sheet music in front of him.

While this was happening, a group of 13 dancers flowed on and off the stage like waves in concert with the orchestra.

Later, a group of male vocalists appeared on the stage and sang a song called "Pour Me a Cup of Ice Cold Water." The title comprised the lyrics, which were repeated for five minutes.

This went on for two hours. We all struggled to appreciate this concert. It may have helped if we had a few cocktails before it started.

The evening ended with an MBC party on the Schmidts' boat.

Wayne Happel

CHAMPAGNE / COLD DUCK GET TOGETHER & AIR SHOW AT MCKINLEY PAVILION AUGUST 7, 2011



Grey Halstead, Tom Hickenbotham,
Jane Evans-Krenz, Bonnie Merryfield &
Denis Molloy



Dick & Nancy Grabowski, Bernie Larsen & guest



Watching the Air Show



Kim Hesper, Sue Ring-Wagner, Mary Berg,
Pete & Bonnie Merryfield, Judy Dorner,
Donna Danowski

CHAMPAGNE / COLD DUCK GET TOGETHER & AIR SHOW AT MCKINLEY PAVILION AUGUST 7, 2011



Event Captains Shirley & Dick Harvey and
Cindy & Grey Halstead



Steve, JoAnn & Brandi Shaw



Russ Berg, Lou Wier and Dick Grabowski



Donna & Dan Danowski and Bernie Larsen

MBC/SSYC CRUISE TO RACINE'S FIFTH STREET YACHT CLUB AND RACINE YACHT CLUB AUGUST 26-28, 2011



Cindy Halstead & Patty Heibel on their way to Racine aboard "Sun King"



Dick Harvey, the Merryfields and Halsteads



Grabowskis, Wagners, and Bergs



Graubners' granddaughters and Alena Woods



Graubners and Woods families



Pete Merryfield, Grey Halstead and Event Captain Dick Harvey with Captain Hook

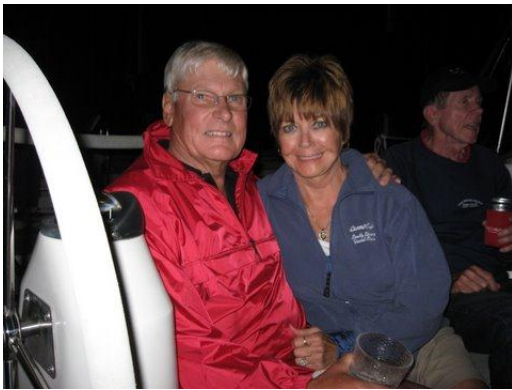
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Enjoying time with friends



Event Captains Dick & Nancy Grabowski



Pete & Bonnie Merryfield



"Merrytyme" on the way back to Milwaukee



Dick & Nancy Grabowski, Bonnie & Pete Merryfield



Dick Harvey next to his boat "Breakaway," which caused a sensation, as it was the first sailboat to dock at Fifth Street Yacht Club in at least five years. The river is quite shallow at this point.

MBC/SSYC CRUISE TO RACINE'S FIFTH STREET YACHT CLUB AND RACINE YACHT CLUB AUGUST 26-28, 2011



Pete & Bonnie Merryfield & "Merrytyme" at the Racine Yacht Club



Bonnie Merryfield & Cindy Halstead and their "new friend" at a Racine restaurant



At the potluck dinner

Left to right: Pete Merryfield, Dick Grabowski, Grey Halstead, Dick Harvey, George Graubner, Russ Berg, Leo Wagner



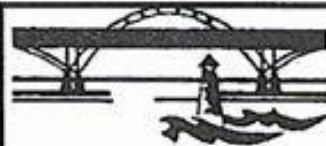
Left to right: Sam Graubner, Sue Ring-Wagner, Mary Berg, Bonnie Merryfield, Cindy Halstead, Nancy Grabowski



MBC members may have had to spend an extra night at Racine, but that didn't prevent a good time at our potluck dinner!

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