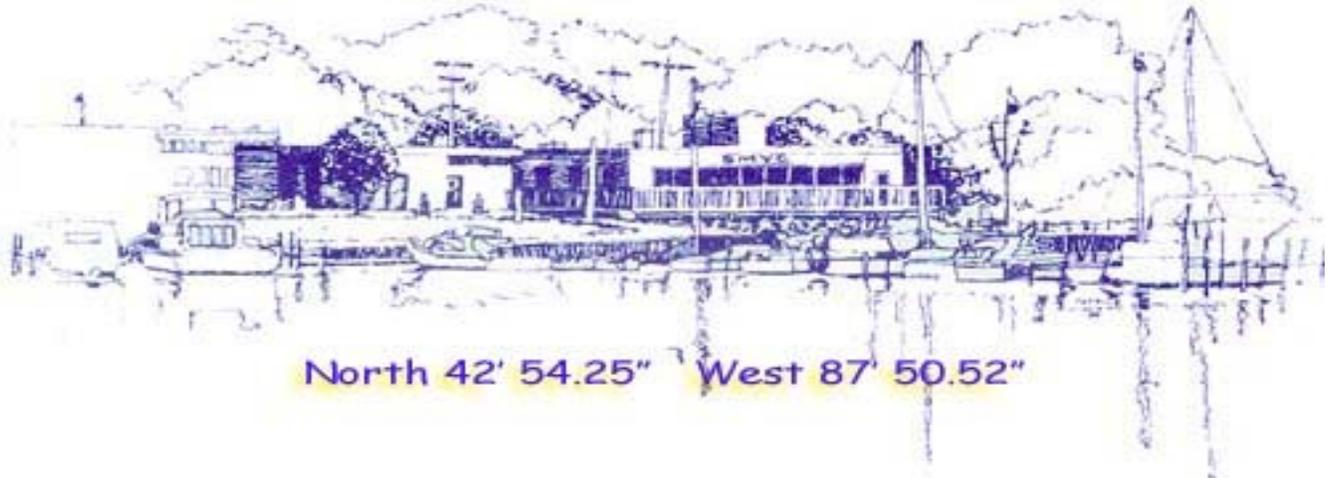




# South Milwaukee Yacht Club



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## High Tide

April 2010

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### Photo of the Month



The Winning Wii Bowling team

## 2010 OFFICERS



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Tom Schulz



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Paula Modlinski



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Stan Crawford



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John Groth



**TREASURER**  
Kyle Brunk

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
Karen "Kiki" Kilman



**FLEET CAPTAIN**  
Rick Klamrowski

### BOARD MEMBERS

Barb Nowak  
Michael Cieczka  
Rick Klamrowski  
Bob Sandretto  
Tony Karwacki  
Randy Kempowski

### 2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### BAR

Joel Stojasavljevic

#### CRUISE

Betsy Reifschneider

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Mary Jo Haag

#### FINANCE

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#### MARKETING

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#### MEMBERSHIP

Paula Modlinski

#### PLANNING

Kyle Brunk

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barb Mueller



## Commodore's Comments

Happy Anniversary to us.....

This year we are celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our incorporation in 1950 marked the beginning of an era where over the years countless individuals have shared their passion for boating in a very unique way. Our membership experience is one that is often met with challenges both at sea and on land but always feeds ones soul, the kind of soul food that sticks to your heart.

We consistently hear that life has become so complicated and that back in the day things were much simpler. Normally when one makes such a comment it is met with undisputed affirmation. Were things simpler in 1950?

In 1950 the Korean War started, Senator McCarthy was on a communist witch hunt, while Harry Truman ordered the construction of the first hydrogen bomb. I guess all of these contentious issues were made bearable by the introduction of the first credit card in 1950. Unfortunately members of SMYC wouldn't be able to finance their passion for boating with MasterCard at our club for another 50 years.

In 1950 at SMYC things were simple. In spring all you had to do to go boating was sand your entire boat, fix the rotting transom, paint the entire boat and presto you were ready to put all the piers in by hand, dig out the old harbor entrance with a hand plow attached to a tow truck and head out. Typically members worked at the club every Saturday so they could boat on Sunday – simple.

The contributions of the membership over the last 60 years have been quite remarkable. These contributions were typically not big financial donations but donations from the heart; sweat equity contributions that afforded members not only the opportunities to go boating but provided opportunities for future generations.

With the recent approval to proceed with preliminary geotechnical and engineering for a new travel lift we are on a path that not only enhances our boating experience but will also benefit future generations. We must continually improve infrastructure and exploit revenue producing opportunities if we are to continue to be successful. These initiatives might mean a little extra sweat equity from everyone but in the end don't we all need a little extra soul food.

Commodore Tom



## Grounds Update

Harbor water should be turned on by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Tractor and pump-out will get their spring tune-up in the coming weeks.

Gas service is tentatively scheduled to be operational by May 8<sup>th</sup>. Fuel prices will be considerably more than the 28 cents per gallon they were in 1950.

Please un-plug all boats prior to leaving and make sure ladders are locked-up. Ladders left unlocked will be confiscated and cut in half.

Contact your Grounds committee chair **Tony Karwacki** at 414-530-4300 with any questions and offers of help.

## SMYC Events Upcoming

(Cut and save for reference...don't forget to update from High Tide as events and times may change)

### April

|    |                         |                      |            |
|----|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 2  | Hors d'oeuvre Night     | 6:00pm               | Club       |
| 5  | Board Mtg.              | 6:30pm               | Club       |
| 19 | General Membership Mtg. | 7:00pm               | Club       |
| 25 | Sunday Brunch           | 9:00am to<br>12:00pm | Chef Leroy |
| 29 | Texas Hold Em           | 6:00pm               | Crawford's |

### May

|     |                                      |        |            |
|-----|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| 3   | Board Mtg.                           | 6:30pm | Club       |
| 7   | Hors d'oeuvre Night                  | 6:00pm | Club       |
| 8   | Launch/Lunch                         | 6:30am | TBD        |
| 15  | Coast Guard Safety Insp.             | TBD    | Club       |
| 17  | General Membership Mtg.              | 7:00pm | Club       |
| TBD | Flare/Fire Extinguisher<br>Shoot Off | 6:30pm | Club       |
| 27  | Texas Hold Em                        | 6:00pm | Crawford's |

Entertainment Chairperson **Mary Jo Haag**.  
If you'd like to sponsor an event or have an idea,  
Please contact Mary Jo at

(H) 414-762-6751 (C) 414-861-0471 or email: [mojo6751@wi.rr.com](mailto:mojo6751@wi.rr.com)

## Welcome Aboard!

March brought us two new memberships: Family members **Jerry and Marilyn Kotarak**, son **Justin (9)** and daughter **Jerica (13)**.

Look for their 22' Ebb Tide called *Family Circus* to be tied up at SMYC this Spring. Jerry owns the **K Ranch** and has entertained us many years at Installation, performing in his band currently known as 6 Pack

The Kotarak's friends and Wind Lake neighbors, **Larry & Sue Burss**, joined as Associate members. **Larry** owns **Southwoods Restaurant** in Cudahy.

Big congrats to **Mike and Katy Gengler** on the birth of there son, **Michael Scott**. I hope this club is ready for a third generation of **Gengler's**

We are so fortunate to welcome you all as members and soon to be friends!



SMYC "HAM" BRUNCH  
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 0900 TO NOON  
 DONATION 8.00

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## For Hire: Boat Waxers



WANT YOUR BOAT WASHED, WAXED AND BUFFED OUT — **Tom Ciurlik** has found a group of young college students who are willing to wash-wax-buff your boat for a

\$10.00 per foot donation (bridge boat- little extra) to Pathfinders (children advocacy group which will allow the organization to paint/clean their building). The group that will be doing the actual work is the Criminal Justice Organization-MATC, a sanctioned MATC organization which means any cost would be made out to the group-organization not to an individual. If interested and wish to help this group raise funds for their school projects see **Tom Ciurlik**.

## 2010 Directory



The 2010 Member Directory is available for pick up from the bar. One free per membership. Additional copies available for purchase @ \$2.50 each.

Please note the following correction: **Please remove Tom Hoffa's HOME phone number.** This number was reassigned, and the person with this number would appreciate not receiving any more of Tom's phone calls.

## Bar Flooring Update

A contingent of members recently really stepped up to the plate and installed a new Bamboo floor in the bar area that looks absolutely spectacular.



The club would like to extend a big thanks to the following members for their contributions that made the whole upgrade possible: **Tom Hoffa, Mickey Nowak, John Nowicki, Tony Karwacki, Mike Struck, Mark Juriewicz, Bill Wheatly, Tom Schulz, Betsy Reifschneider, Gary Gale, Bob Sandretto and Mike Cieczka.**



## USCG Boating Safety

US Coast Guard will be holding boating safety classes at SMYC 4/24 and 4/25 noon-4p. For info call **Linda** at 766.1633 or [ldaly@wi.rr.com](mailto:ldaly@wi.rr.com)

## Reminder: Get your hours in

Manpower Chairman **Mike Cieczka** wants to remind everyone to get their hours in. Slips are available behind the bar.



# Thanks from the Easter Party Crew

Once again the weather cooperated and the Easter Egg Hunt was a ton of fun. We had 26 little egg hunters along with their parents that braved the lake breeze and scooped up 1,000 candy filled eggs. Thanks to **Bill** and **Greg** the grass and grounds were free of goose droppings and thanks to all who withstood the wind to keep the kids safe during the hunt. I'd like to thank **Meg Ciurlik & Anne Michaels** for their very generous donations, the SMYC Juniors (**Katie, Sarah, Ryan H., Ryan R., Adam, Kirstynne**) and their parents for stuffing the eggs, selling all of the tickets, running the craft tables and so much more. The **Hock family** walked away with most of the raffle prizes, both **Ryan & Kirstynne** won a basket or two and their mom, **Kandice** won the 50/50 raffle. We had an awesome crew and thanks to all of their hard work we turned in a profit of \$599.00!



## Juniors April News

Thanks to the Juniors that helped **Barb** at the Kid's Easter Party on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. I hear the **Allen Hock** and **Conti** families did really well at the raffles. Roller Skating on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> was a lot of fun. Not too many members came but the 10 or so that were there had a great time. We are scheduling events for April and May too.

Come to the club on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to register for the 2010 Junior season. Membership is open to the public; friends are welcome and encouraged to join. Cost to become a member is \$5 for ages 8-21. At this event - we could decide on a T-shirt design, play the Wii and just get to know one another. We will handle the sailing registration at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting along with officer elections.

If you haven't taken your Boater's Safety Course - Ages 10+ can do so on Sat, Apr 24<sup>th</sup> (noon-4pm) and Sun, Apr 25<sup>th</sup> (noon-5pm). The cost is \$30. You must be 12 yrs of age to operate a motorized watercraft.

Our first official meeting will be Tues, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Elections and additional registration will take place at this meeting along with getting sailboats ready for use. Cost to take sailing lessons is \$25. Liability waivers will need to be signed in order to sail.

Reserve Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> for Mini-golf with the Juniors. Place and time will be in the May Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Ashley Hock, Jrs Secretary**



### **Happy Birthday!**

Mike Cieczka 5/1  
Bill Wheatley 5/1  
Sandy Webb 5/2  
Kurt Bruck 5/8  
Bob Sandretto 5/9  
John Groth 5/10  
Donna Martin 5/12  
Genie Steele 5/15  
Betsy Reifschneider 5/17

## Celebrators

### **Happy Birthday!**

Gigi Schmidt 5/17  
Debbie Gale 5/18  
Sue Burss 5/20  
Paul Ruggles 5/22  
Dawn Schiel 5/24  
Tom Roncke 5/27  
Bernie Klismet 5/29  
James Ensign 5/29

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Mike & Judy Trock 5/5  
Chuck & Pam Cottrill 5/7  
John & Annette Groth 5/20  
Kurt & Kim Bruck 5/21  
Dale & Cindy Cichon 5/25  
Kyle & Debbie Brunk 5/27  
Jim & Jean Spiess 5/31



### **Happy Retirement!**

Jim Spiess from AT&T on April 2nd

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# Rule Change:

Reducing risk by assessing liabilities and insuring that the organization is adequately protected shields our assets and demonstrates a commitment to our future health. A recent analysis of insurance coverage uncovered a number of areas where we were being exposed to increased risk. This analysis has led to the following rule changes. Please take the new insurance minimums into consideration when renewing your insurance this year.

LAUNCH & HAUL OUT (pg. 22)  
PRE-LAUNCH REQUIREMENTS

8. All boat owners shall provide the Fleet Captain with a Certificate of Liability Insurance for their boats prior to launching time. **Liability coverage must not be less than \$300,000.00 per incident.**

PRE-HAUL OUT REQUIREMENTS

2. Each boat owner shall **have a Certificate of Liability Insurance on file with the Fleet Captain. Liability coverage must not be less than \$300,000.00 per incident.**

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

### CONTRACTORS

No contractors for hire will be allowed to commence work on Club grounds without first providing a copy proving valid Certificate of Insurance/Proof of Liability coverage to the Fleet Captain, Commodore or any of the Board of Directors.

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# Wii Bowling Tournament Results

From registration thru clean-up, this year's Wii Bowling Tournament proved smooth sailing for the organizers, crew and participants. The success is attributable primarily to the enthusiasm of all those who participated - having failed to be intimidated by the 2009 marathon. We can't thank you enough for giving us another shot! An enormous amount of thanks goes to those who assisted us during the tournament: **Ray Hollnagel** and **Krissy Klamrowski**/Registration, **Joe and Genie Steele**/scorers, **Kiki Kilman** and **Rick Klamrowski**/photographers, and new members **Joe and Lynn Ussel** who outdid themselves selling 50/50 Raffle tickets.

The day proved profitable too. **Lois Kowalczewski** took \$202 from the 50/50 Raffle, and as a Club SMYC realized about \$1800 between the bar and event revenue.



Our official winners each took home cash prizes.

1st Place - \$40 per team member - Combined Score 731: "Grandma" Betty Roberts 147; JJ Reifschneider 216; Judy Trock 164; Jenelle Spiess 204

2nd Place - \$30 per team member - Combined Score 701: Bob Panter 142; Mary Karwacki 188; Jennifer Groth 193; Sharon Kempowski 178

3rd Place - \$10 per team member - Combined Score 689:  
Bob Sandretto 166; Alyssa Modlinski 151; Kathy Manna 180; Sheryl Hurula 192

Pleased with having received so many compliments, as organizers we can't wait to do it all again! This summer we will host a **Moonlight Wii Bowling** event - adults only. Watch for the sign-up.

*Let the Good Times Roll!*

**Neal & Paula Modlinski**

**Mike & Dona Cieczka**

## Harbor and Docks Report

Holy Toledo, it's getting close to launch day so get out the parkas its time for boating. Dredging permits are in place and channel dredging should begin around April 14<sup>th</sup>. Dolphin poles that had been manipulated by winter ice have been straightened out. The work raft has a fresh coat of paint, a couple of new barrels, fresh strapping, new spuds, and a new to us mercury long shaft. This baby is launched and ready for pier raising. The harbor officially opens May 8<sup>th</sup>. We're trying to get everything operational sooner for those who wish to get in early. Contact harbor and docks chair for channel conditions prior to coming into the harbor and make sure all appropriate fees have been paid.

Special thanks to **Mark Rybka, Mike Trock, Ray Hollnagel, Bill Wheatly, Adam Miller, John Gremore and Jim Spiess** for helping out with harbor and docks

Contact harbor and docks committee chair **Randy Kempowski** at 414-587-6885 for all your harbor and docks needs.

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