



# South Milwaukee Yacht Club



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## High Tide

December 2009

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### Photo of the Month



Mike Cieczka and Jan Ruggles at the Annual Packer/Bears party at SMYC

## 2009 OFFICERS



**COMMODORE**  
Mike Gengler, Jr



**VICE COMMODORE**  
Paula Modlinski



**REAR COMMODORE**  
Deb Schulz



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Genie Steele



**TREASURER**  
Kyle Brunk

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
Karen "Kiki" Kilman



**FLEET CAPTAIN**  
Rick Klamrowski

### BOARD MEMBERS

3 Year	Barb Nowak Mike Cieczka
2 Year	Ryan Behling Steve Bowen
1 Year	Tom Hoffa Rick Klamrowski

### 2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### BAR

Joel Stojasvljevic

#### CRUISE

Mark Juriewicz

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Debby Schulz

#### FINANCE

Mike Gengler, Jr.

#### FLEET CAPTAIN

Rick Klamrowski

#### GAS

Ben Chadwick

#### GROUNDS

Ryan Behling

#### HARBOR & DOCKS

Steve Bowen

#### HEALTH & WELFARE

Pat Murray

#### HOUSE/HALL

Barb Nowak

#### HOUSE MAINTENANCE

Tom Hoffa

#### JUNIOR ADVISOR

Kurt Bruck

#### L.M.Y.A.

Mike Trock

#### MANPOWER

Mike Cieczka

#### MARKETING

Deb Schulz

#### MEMBERSHIP

Paula Modlinski

#### PLANNING

Kyle Brunk

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barb Mueller



## Commodore's Comments

With the Holiday Season (a.k.a. Christmas) fast approaching and 2009 drawing to a close, it is a natural time for us to reflect on the year past and identify what it is that we truly are thankful for. For me that reflection is easy, albeit very time consuming, as I have much to be thankful for this year. Personally I have a beautiful and supportive wife with child on the way. I also have a wonderful family that has always been behind me in every endeavor I have taken on. As I reflect back on my year as Commodore of South Milwaukee Yacht Club again, I was blessed to be surrounded by a group of people that took pride in the responsibilities they were given, and challenged themselves to make things better. At no time has this become more evident than when we did our annual review of the budget this past month.

As many of you are aware we are required to put together a budget for each fiscal year, and have our general membership approve said budget. It is then the responsibility of the Board of Directors to manage cash flow to that budget. In 2009 I put together a very aggressive budget (both in the way of increasing revenue and cutting expenses). In my first Board meeting as Commodore in January, I challenged the board to manage to this aggressive budget to get cash flow under control, and pay off the \$25,000 line of credit we had extended to us in 2008 to help pay for a major dredging project. As I worked with the Finance Committee to put together the 2010 budget and again as I reviewed the 2010 with the Board of Directors this month I was astounded with how well the Board did at managing to the budget. The culmination of this effort was our ability to basically pay off the line of credit in full (less \$1,000 which we will keep to make sure that line of credit is still available to us in the future) this past October.

There are too many people to name to thank for making this happen, but I want to call out 2 individuals who don't get enough credit, our cash flow management team of Treasurer **Kyle Brunk** and Financial Secretary **Karen Kilman**. It is the tireless efforts of these two people that make sure all of our bills are paid and all of our receivables are up to date. Without their efforts, the daily activities of our club would simply not exist. Both of these are tireless and thankless jobs so if you see either **Kyle** or **Karen** down at the club please give them a pat on the back because I know I cannot thank them enough.

It is with this note that I now bid you all farewell. I have truly enjoyed my time as Commodore of this great club. It was a pleasure to serve in the highest elected position for an organization that I have literally grown up with. In the end, I feel we are a better organization twelve months after I took office for all of the accomplishments this club has achieved and I have chronicled in this monthly column. I hope you feel the same as me. So long for now...

See you at the Club,

**Commodore Mike**

# SMYC Events Upcoming

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

## December

4	Hors D, Trim A Tree	6:00pm	Club
7	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
11	Ladies Holiday Party	5:30pm	Schulz/Hemb
13	Packer vs Bear Party	Gametime	Ruggles/Cieczka
17	Texas Hold Em	6:00pm	Crawford
21	General Membership	7:00pm	Club

## January

4	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
16	Installation/Membership Mtg	5:30pm	at Crowne Plaza
28	Texas Hold Em	6:00pm	Crawfords

If you are able to assist with any of the events listed or wish to sponsor an event; notify the contact person indicated on the calendar or:

Debby Schulz  
Entertainment Committee Chair  
[debbyschulz@wi.rr.com](mailto:debbyschulz@wi.rr.com)  
414 403 4023

## Membership Update

Our newest members, **Fred and Brenda Bohman**, joined Friday December 4th during our annual Trim-A-Tree party. How fortunate the Club had a great group of members present to help welcome them. The **Bohman's** live in Sussex and have a 27' Regal Commodore which had previously been moored at McKinley, close enough in proximity to the **Kempowski's F-N Addiction** to recognize their former marina neighbors, **Randy & Sharon**, when they were spotted in the crowd.



Congratulations to LeRoy Ciombor, the latest member to achieve the distinction of Life Member. LeRoy and wife Kris have a legacy at SMYC: LeRoy's is famous for his culinary skills which is matched by Kris' expertise in anything involving plants, flowers and floral design. The Club and its members are indebted to your years of service.

## Support Our Troops

Thank you for your donations and contributions to the "support Our Troops" drive. I mailed 5 boxes to the Pat Tillman Memorial USO in Afghanistan that will arrive shortly. Our troops will appreciate your efforts in making their tours a little easier and I thank you.

**Meg Ciurlik**  
CAPT USN Ret



January 16, 2010  
Installation Dinner at Crowne Plaza Milw. Airport

Admission price \$35.00 per person until January 9th  
After it will be \$40.00 per person

The program will consist of  
5:30—6:30 Cocktails Cash Bar  
6:30 Dinner and Installation of Officers  
8:00 Dancing with live music by 6 Pack



Seating limited to 100 people  
So make sure you sign up soon!!

Your \$35.00 per person includes  
A beverage, dinner and music to follow.  
Sit Down Dinner includes choice of:  
Top Sirloin of Beef, Chicken & Shrimp Scampi or  
Crabmeat Stuffed Whitefish

Crowne Plaza Hotel 6401 S 13 St 414-764-5300  
Mention SMYC for \$79.00 Room Rate—book early!!

Drawing will be held during first band intermission for refund of your  
1 night stay evening of Installation or dinner for 2 at a later date.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinner reservations for me. I understand  
reservation can only be made with full payment and once reservation is submitted  
the money is nonrefundable. I have the option to have another member in good  
standing to fill my space.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Choice: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Forms must be received at the yacht club with full payment by  
January 9th for \$35.00 per person

Questions should be directed to Barb Nowak 414 762-5541



## Sick Bay



Best wishes are extended to Carol Hunt for a quick and speedy recovery



## Valentines Day Party at SMYC

SMYC will host a Valentine's Day party. Surprise chefs will prepare a variety of Turducken(s) for the event. Some of the birds will be stuffed with Cajun sausage and cornbread and others with chicken sausage and some surprise ingredients. The cooking team is looking at the possibility of music to follow the dinner.



Party will be on Feb. 13, 2010 with cocktails at 1700 hours and dinner to follow at 1800. For you non nautical individuals that is 5 PM and 6 PM respectively



Tickets must be purchased in advance.

## Celebrators



### Happy Birthday!

James Conti 1/4  
 Khone Keohavong 1/4  
 Randy Kempowski 1/7  
 Rebekkah Hollnagel 1/8  
 Jacob Schrinky 1/8  
 Teri Ruggles 1/9

Howie Oudeans 1/12  
 Debbie Obst 1/18  
 Steve Roberts 1/18  
 Mark Juriewicz 1/19  
 Bobb Michals 1/19  
 Lois Kowalczewski 1/20  
 John Nowicki 1/22  
 Kirstynne Hock 1/28  
 Micheal Paull 1/28  
 Mike Messmer 1/30  
 Diane Mueller 1/30  
 Chauncey Martin 1/31



### Happy Anniversary!!

Steve & Mara Roberts 1/7  
 John & Jayne Nowicki 1/12  
 Dave & Dawn Schiel 1/17  
 Howie & Mary Oudeans 1/20  
 John & Lois Sagan 1/22  
 John & Dianne Conner 1/30

## Proposed By-Law Change

The following by-law change will be voted on by the membership at the December General Membership meeting on 12/21.

### Old By-Law ARTICLE XIV, LAUNCH AND HAULOUT

The South Milwaukee Yacht Club will launch on the Second weekend in May for all non-trailerable boats by the use of a mobile crane. All boats will be hauled out on the second Saturday in October. The Board of Directors has the right to change these dates if the dates conflict with Harbor improvements or repairs which need to be completed and would interfere with the preset dates. All boats must be Launched or Hauled out on the date specified only.

### Proposed new By-Law ARTICLE XIV, LAUNCH AND HAULOUT

The South Milwaukee Yacht Club will launch on the **Third** weekend in May for all non-trailerable boats by the use of a mobile crane. All boats will be hauled out on the **First** Saturday in October. The Board of Directors has the right to change these dates if the dates conflict with Harbor improvements or repairs which need to be completed and would interfere with the preset dates. All boats must be Launched or Hauled out on the date specified only.



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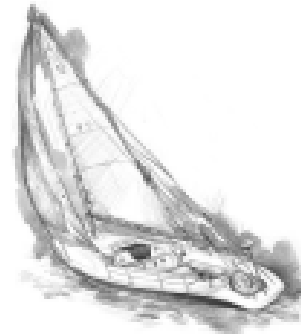
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