



# South Milwaukee Yacht Club



101 Marshall Avenue  
South Milwaukee, WI 53172



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## *High Tide*

**February 2014**

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### **Photo of the Month**



Randy Kempowski accepts the 2013 Member of the Year award at the Installation of Officers event in January

## 2014 OFFICERS



**COMMODORE**  
John Groth



**VICE COMMODORE**  
Jan Ruggles



**REAR COMMODORE**  
Dan Moshinski



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Bryan Gahan



**TREASURER**  
Betsy Reifschneider

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
Mary Karwacki



**FLEET CAPTAIN**  
Open

### BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Hoffa  
Michael Cieczka  
Rick Klamrowski  
Karen Kilman  
Mike Strzok  
Randy Kempowski

### 2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### HOUSE AND BAR

Bill Wheatley (Bar Manager)  
Linda Daly (House/Hall Manager)

#### CRUISE

TBD

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Cheryl Rybka

#### FINANCE

Mike Gengler

#### FLEET CAPTAIN

Open

#### GAS

Jon Haag

#### GROUND

"Fish"

#### HARBOR & DOCKS

Randy Kempowski

#### HEALTH & WELFARE

Debbie Smith

#### HOUSE MAINTENANCE

Gary Gale

#### JUNIOR ADVISOR

Barb Nowak

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

Linda Daly

#### MANPOWER

Mike Cieczka

#### MARKETING

Patti Cardarelli

#### MEMBERSHIP

Paula Modlinski

#### PLANNING

Kyle Brunk

#### AUDIT

Kyle Brunk

#### LAUNCH AND HAUL OUT

Bob Smith

#### RULES AND BYLAWS

TBD

# Commodore's Comments

"Wow", what a start to 2014! Three fantastic celebrations for the Installation of Officers over the past 3 weeks, **5<sup>th</sup> St.** 1/25 and **HLYC** 2/1. It was a great time had by all. It was good to participate in the celebrations of the other clubs.

Our installation was January 18. First I want to thank all the members who helped with the setup of our hall, it gets better every year. A special thank you to **Cheryl Rybka** and **Mary Jo Haag** for creating a warm and elegant environment. Our Master of Ceremony was **Mark Juriewicz**, who was extremely entertaining in performing the purification process of the new Commodore. **Larry Burss** and **Jerry Kotarek** provided us with an outstanding dinner, the prime rib was superb. We were honored with the attendance of the Mayor of South Milwaukee **Tom Zepecki** and his wife **Kathy** and our new state representative **Jessie Rodriquez** and her husband **Aaron**. We appreciate that they took time from their busy schedules to be with us. We had **5<sup>th</sup> St.**, **Harbor Lite** and **South Shore** yacht clubs joining us for our special evening. It was a great event and I hope that everyone who attended had as much fun as **Annette** and I did.

Congratulations go out to our 2014 Officers and Board, Vice Commodore **Jan Ruggles**, Rear Commodore **Dan Moshinski**, Recording Secretary **Bryan Gahan**, Treasurer **Betsy Reifschneider**, Financial Secretary **Mary Karwacki** and Board Members **Mike Cieczka**, **Rick Klamrowski**, **Tom Hoffa**, **Randy Kempowski**, **Karen Kilman** and **Mike Stzrok**.

The Member of the Year is **Randy Kempowski**. Randy is an outstanding member of the club who is always ready to help the club in any capacity. He designed and built the hydro dredge that the club used in 2013 to dredge our harbor which saved the club a boat load of cash. Congratulate Randy when you see him around the club.

We have four new life members this year; **Jim Spiess**, **Jim Zorn**, **Greg Molthen** and **Tom Ronke**. Congratulations to all.

Pier bidding is March 1<sup>st</sup> starting at noon. This means that we have only 61 more days until we will be ready to launch boats. I am ready to put this winter behind me, enough with the snow and cold. The Club has a great deal to be done before launch so watch for emails to help where help is needed or you can contact **Randy Kempowski** ( Harbor and Docks), **Michael "Fish" Schell** ( Grounds), to volunteer for projects around the club.

We are still looking for a new Fleet Captain, a prefect opportunity for someone to support our club.

In case you have not heard, a future "Fast and Furious" star went through our fence on January 9<sup>th</sup> and not only damaged the fence but also **Jan Ruggles** boat.

Think spring and see you at the club.

**John**  
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**smyccommodore@gmail.com**



## Winter Port Washington Trip Recap

Another rendezvous has come and gone. Those who went on the rendezvous didn't show any fear of the cold, proving SMYCers are not "fair weather" boaters. The first winter rendezvous to Port Washington was a success. The turnout was amazing as was the enthusiasm of the members as they braved the cold. There were many activities planned for the day to keep members busy on the bus and to show them around town a bit. Many businesses in Port Washington offered SMYC members exclusive discounts and deals. After the first 3 cards were drawn for the poker run, members were free to tour the town to shop, eat, and have fun. Some members searched for the SMYC burgee, hidden in town. One group was determined to find the flag and wasn't afraid to look in every nook and cranny they could find, even in a piñata (you know who you are). The members also didn't break tradition, all 34 participants made sure to pack into the Band Shell and sing "God Bless America." At the end of the day the winners of the Poker Run were 1<sup>st</sup> place **Randy Kempowski**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Dan Zweck** and 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Debbie Steinhaus**. The winner of the burgee hunt was the determined **Randy Kempowski**, who made sure to scare all the employees at Beanie's during his search. The door prize of the day went to **Brent Mason**. Overall the day was great, even with the blustering winds, members were able to patronize many establishments in town and see all the great things Port Washington has to offer.



Before I close I wanted to just say a few thank yous. This is the first event that I have decided to take on and I couldn't have done it without the help of a few people. First I want to thank all the members that participated in the rendezvous. Each time I am amazed to see the turnout and support at a planned rendezvous. The members of SMYC know how to have a great time no matter what the temperature outside may be. Also I want to thank **Kiki** for calling the local establishments in Port Washington and getting the members great deals in town and for also encouraging me to do this event. This was a great learning opportunity for me and I couldn't have done it without your help **Kiki**. And lastly I want to thank **Steve Steinhaus**. Thank you for planning the games and finding ways to entertain the members while visiting Port Washington.

Thanks and see you all on the beach soon,  
**Katy Steinhaus**



## SMYC Events Upcoming

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

### February

2	Super Bowl Game	6:00pm	Yust Crew
3	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
7	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
16	Sausage Making Day	10:00am	Haag
17	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club

### March

1	Pier Bidding	12:00pm	Club
7	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
3	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
16	St. Pat's Day	A Sponsor Is Needed	
17	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club

Entertainment Chairperson Cheryl Rybka.  
If you'd like to sponsor an event or have an idea,  
Please contact Cheryl at  
(C) 414-530-8770 or email: [rybkaC@yahoo.com](mailto:rybkaC@yahoo.com)

## Reminder: Be aware of our Neighbors

Please remember that we have neighbors. When leaving the club watch your speed and look out for children.

## Celebrators

### ***Happy Birthday!***

Kim Bruck 3/1  
Kathy Manna 3/3  
Don Robish 3/4  
Dean Chapman 3/4  
Monica Krueger 3/5  
Jean DeBoer 3/8  
Meg Ciurlik 3/10  
Cory Jurkiewicz 3/10  
Tara Withington 3/12  
Christine Cudnopskey 3/13  
Jeffrey Holmes 3/13  
Gil Magolan 3/13  
Ryan Rybka 3/13

### ***Happy Birthday!***

LeRoy Ciombor 3/15  
Ann Michaels 3/15  
Sofia Taubman 3/15  
Tom Ciurlik 3/16  
Michael Mecha 3/16  
Kathy Wendling 3/17  
Pat Schultz 3/18  
Gary Gale 3/19  
Joel Wieselmann 3/20  
Craig Henrichs 3/24  
Michael Gengler III 3/30  
Paula Modlinski 3/31

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

Tom & Meg Ciurlik 3/17  
Mike & Roxanne Gengler 3/19  
Mike & Stephanie Strzok 3/31  
Charles & Carol Baltutis 3/27

***If you don't see your birthday  
here, please email  
wordart@rr.com***

### SOUTH MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB SLIP REGISTRATION

Please fill out and return no later than **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2014** to:

Fleet Captain  
**South Milwaukee Yacht Club**  
**101 Marshall Ave.**  
**South Milwaukee, WI 53172**

**Notice:** The \$463.37 Harbor Use Fee must accompany all slip registration requests or your form will not be accepted.

Members who use the Harbor facilities before the Annual Launch Day are required to pay all fees, including Harbor Use, Ramp Use and Summer Service, and turn in a **dated Certificate of Insurance if it has expired before you put your boat in the water**, to South Milwaukee Yacht Club in care of the Fleet Captain, before you may use the Harbor facilities.

**Please make an attempt to answer all information as accurately as possible because this information is used to update our roster books.**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name (Last, First, Middle):									
Address:			City:			Zip Code:			
Home Phone:			Cell Phone:						
Email Address:			Business Phone:						
Birthdate:									
Boat Name:			Mfg.						
Length		Ft.	Beam		Ft.	Draft		Ft.	
State Registration #:			Call Name:						
								YES	NO
Will you be using the Launch ramp in 2014?									
Will you be using the SMYC Travel Lift in 2014?									
Are you requesting a slip assignment for 2014?									
Will you be storing on Club property for summer of 2014? How Many? Second Boat __ Jet Ski__ Raft __									
Are you currently assigned a slip?									
Is it a permanent __ or temporary __ assignment? The assignment has been continuous since _____									
Do you wish winter storage for 2014-2015?									
Will you store on a			Trailer? _____			Jack Stands? _____			
List your Marine Liability Insurance Carrier:									
Agent:			Policy No:			Exp. Date:			

Members who fail to return this form accurately and properly filled out and **accompanied by the Harbor Use Fee** will not be assigned a slip for the 2014 boating season. This may seem like a harsh penalty; however it is necessary to insure the timely management of the slips available.

**Please note:** Pier bidding day will be on Saturday, March 1st, 2014 at 12:00 noon and Launch Day will begin in May this year. Remember all fees for the summer must be paid by your Launch Day. This includes the trailerable boats also. All boats are to be insured while using South Milwaukee Yacht Club facilities (Harbor, Storage, Ramp, and Travel Lift). Submit a Certificate of Insurance to SMYC in care of the Fleet Captain before it expires during the boating season.

# Notice to Membership

The 2014 Board of directors wishes to inform all General Membership that a proposal has been made to institute a Harbor Dredge Fund Fee of \$100 to be paid annually on August 1st by anyone filling out a Harbor Use Form. This Harbor Dredge Fund Fee would replace the Building Fund Fee. This proposal will be presented to Membership at the February General Membership meeting.



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## Fleet Notice

This time of year is one of the busiest for me. There are a lot of things I have to do to get ready for the 2014 launch day. Like most of you I can't wait for the new boating season. The deadline is only nineteen days away, February 21, to get your Harbor Use Form and Harbor Use Fee in so you can participate in pier bidding this year. The deadline has been changed due to our new computer system that we are currently changing over to. Since I brought up pier bidding I'll point out that it is only twenty six days away and launch 2014 is only eighty seven days away. Lastly I would just like to remind everyone about the updated insurance declarations that we need to have on file, and that whoever does not have a current declaration on file with me by March 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be assessed a twenty five dollar fine. So check the glass case, to see if you are current or not, and contact your insurance agent for an updated insurance document. The following people have expired insurance declarations on file right now.

**Joe Ussel, Richard Smukalla, John Groth, Scott Wisniewski, Todd Sivak, Tim O'Neill, Steve Bowens, John Nowicki, Brent Mason, Steven Fivenson, Peter Russo, Andre Cozad, Thomas Hoffa, Kurt Egner, Jerry Kotarak, Seth Yust, Richard Klamrowski, James Buss, and Michael Pawelski.** Any questions call me.

Thanks,  
**Fleet Captain Mike.**

## Installation Photos



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# 2014 SMYC Pier Bidding Saturday March 1st at Noon



2014 Pier Bidding will be held on Saturday March 1st, starting at noon.

Come on down to the club for lunch and find out where everyone's summer homes will be parked for the 2014 boating season

