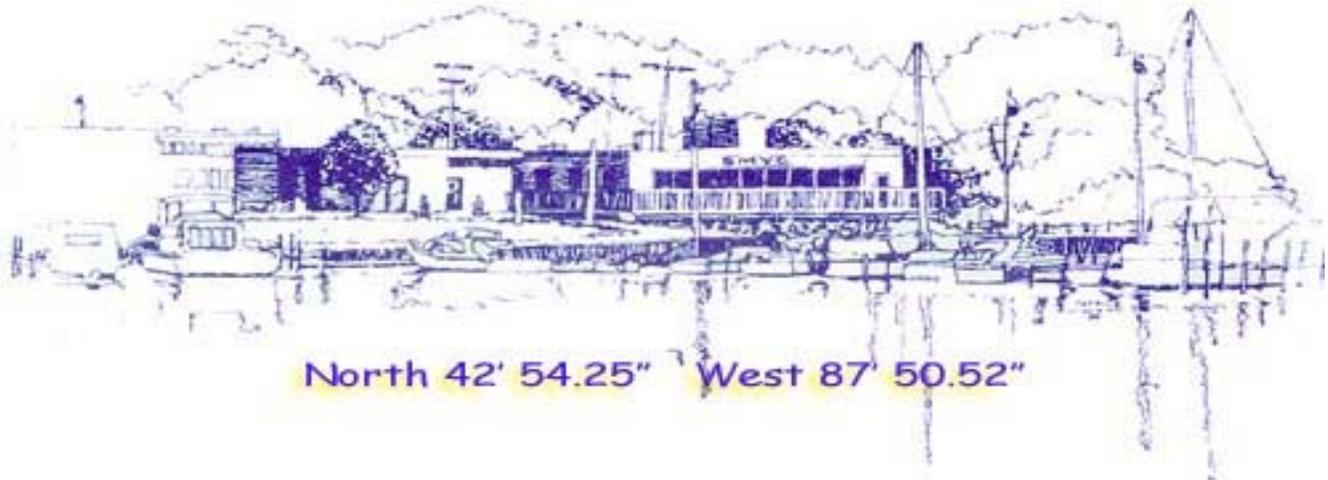




# South Milwaukee Yacht Club



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South Milwaukee, WI 53172



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## High Tide

January 2011

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### Photo of the Month



Winners of the Basket raffle at Ladies x-mas party

## 2010 OFFICERS



### COMMODORE

Jon Haag



### VICE COMMODORE

Paula Modlinski



### REAR COMMODORE

Bill Wheatley



### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

John Groth



### TREASURER

Kyle Brunk

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Karen "Kiki" Kilman



### FLEET CAPTAIN

Mike Strzok

### BOARD MEMBERS

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

## 2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### HOUSE AND BAR

Debby Schulz (Committee Chair)  
Joel Stojasavljevic (Bar Manager)  
Mary Jo Haag (House/Hall Manager)

### CRUISE

Betsy Reifschneider

### ENTERTAINMENT

Cheryl Rybka

### FINANCE

Mike Gengler, Jr.

### FLEET CAPTAIN

Mike Strzok

### GAS

Ben Chadwick

### GROUND

Tony Karwacki

### HARBOR & DOCKS

Randy Kempowski

### HEALTH & WELFARE

Pat Murray

### HOUSE MAINTENANCE

Bob Sandretto

### JUNIOR ADVISOR

Barb Nowak

### L.M.Y.A.

Linda Daly

### MANPOWER

Mike Cieczka

### MARKETING

Jim Buss

### MEMBERSHIP

Paula Modlinski

### PLANNING

Kyle Brunk

# Commodore's Comments

As you may have noticed, we are surrounded with Winter. It doesn't seem possible that in four or five months the annual pilgrimage to boating euphoria begins.

Not bad for a new commodore without a boat...

Ever ask how a yacht club could come to have a commodore without a yacht? I know, I have asked this question myself many times over the last several months. It all begins with a certain group of members coercing my wife into joining the Club as a Family Member so that she would start building seniority...in case we ever get a boat. Then, on a leisurely cruise up the Milwaukee River and a stop at one of the establishments that lines this sorted waterway, a seed was planted during a thought provoking conversation over lunch. The individuals who were involved with this coercion know exactly who they are!

The truth be known, I am very honored to assist in continuing the traditions of the "Working Man's Yacht Club". The 60 years of history are a true testament to the outstanding membership of the past, the current membership, and the development of future membership through programs such as the Junior's Program. Our capabilities collectively are enormous and very impressive. The next time you are at the Club please take a moment and look at the building, the grounds, and not to mention the incredible view of Lake Michigan. It is truly amazing what the members of this organization have accomplished over the years.

There are several significant issues that will need to be addressed in the upcoming year. As with every business and every family, we need to be financially responsible. We will need to look for areas to control cash flow, cut costs, and increase revenue. We need to market our Club and increase membership, not only for Regular Members but also Associate Members. We need to assess our security needs and develop a plan to secure the grounds. As well, we may have harbor dredging demands based on water level predications. WE can accomplish what needs to be done. I encourage all members to contact the various Committee Chairs and seek out opportunities in which you may help out.

I do have a few announcements to make: **Cheryl Rybka** has accepted the role as Entertainment Chair; **Debby Schulz** has accepted a role with the House and Bar Committee, assisting Mary Jo Haag (House/Hall) and Joel Stojasavljevic (Bar). **Mike Strzok** has accepted the Fleet Captain position.

I would also like to take a moment to thank **Tom Schulz** (outgoing Commodore) and **Rick Klamrowski** (outgoing Fleet Captain). I extend to you both, on behalf of all the SMYC members, sincere gratitude for your many years of service.

Finally, **Mary Jo** and myself would like to wish you and your family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Jon**

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# LMYA Update

The LMYA annual general meeting was held at Indiana Harbor Yacht Club on November 20. It was a two hour drive from South Milwaukee, through Chicago, and over the Sky Bridge for Jim and I. We drove in behind a marina building and boat storage area to the two story yacht club building overlooking floating piers. The panoramic view from the bar on the second floor of the clubhouse included foundries interspersed with gambling casinos which had large gambling cruise ships moored behind them. You could see the lake horizon off to the north. Yet in this industrial-commercial concrete dominated landscape, the yacht club had a generous patch of lawn space with picnic tables. There was a deck off the bar area overlooking this lawn and the view – a great place to sit outside with a drink in the summertime!



Our meeting was held on the first floor in a large room which had a kitchen attached. We began with a catered lunch, and then the twenty-two of us settled down to a business meeting which included the election of officers. LMYA officers for 2011 are **Commodore – James Mergener, Vice Commodore – Barb Lusco, Treasurer – Arthur Woods,** and **Secretary – Fred Sansone.**

One item proposed by the Wisconsin Region was that the LMYA dues not be raised. After a discussion, it was decided to keep dues at the 2010 rate for 2011, which is \$55 for new members and \$45 for renewing members. Good news for all dues paying members!



An item of particular interest to boaters is that the LMYA is advocating a sticker on pumps at shore side gas stations that have 'E15' or 15% ethanol gas. The sticker would read "Not for marine use" because ethanol gas is prone to leakage from tanks, and while that is not good for any small engines, especially two-stroke, it could be deadly in the marine environment where leaks can lead to explosions. While some adaptations to some newer gas engines have been made for E10 gas, there apparently are no marine engines compatible with the E15 blend. It was emphasized that many larger boats gas up at marinas and yacht clubs where the gasoline would not contain ethanol, but many trailer-able boats fill up at inland gas stations where E15 would be sold. So this warning label would possibly save lives.

I was surprised to learn that a past president of the National Boating Federation was one of the LMYA officers and that the new president is also a Mid-Westerner. This hopefully means that issues in our area have another forum for discussion and action. One of the issues for the NBF is that boat driver licensing not be linked to auto driver licensing.

A committee was formed to revise the Blue Book. It is getting quite expensive to print and mail this LMYA publication. The committee will try to come up with some cost saving measures in time for the spring addition of the Blue Book. I am on this committee, so if anyone has suggestions, please give them to me by email (ldaly@wi.rr.com) or give me a call (414 766-1633) to discuss them.

**Linda Daly**

# Ladies Christmas Party Recap

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the attendees of this years party. Our guests made this a success. Everyone had a great time and a great meal. Thank you also to our servers decked out in Christmas aprons: **Karina Popek, Lauren Bucholz, Ashley Hock, Kirstynne Hock, Katie Conti, Sarah Konti** and the behind the scenes help of **Ryan Rybka** all supervised by Junior Advisors **Jim Conti** and **Kandise Hock**. Thank you to those who supported the basket raffle. The proceeds of the raffle were divided between the SMYC Juniors Program and a fund to keep the decorating update going at the club.

See you next year,  
**Lois & Rox**



# Junior's Update

On December 10<sup>th</sup> several of the Juniors acted as the wait-staff for the SMYC Ladies Christmas Party. It was something different for the kids to do and a great way to pitch in and help their club.

Many of the Juniors participated in ice-skating at the Petite Center prior to Christmas and are looking forward to snow tubing at Crystal Ridge this month. An email will be sent when we have the date set.

The Juniors advisors and parents will be meeting this month to make plans for the Sock Hop at SMYC set for March 19, 2011



## Visit the SMYC Website

For all of the latest SMYC updates, visit our club website—[www.smyc.net](http://www.smyc.net).



## SMYC Events Upcoming

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

### January

7	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
10	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
15	Installation Dinner	5:30pm	at Crowne Plaza
27	SMYC Poker Night	6:00pm	Club

### February

4	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
7	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
11	Sausage Fest	6:00pm	Haag
12	(cont.) Sausage Fest	TBD	Haag
21	General Membership Mtg.	7:00pm	Club
24	SMYC Poker Night	6:00pm	Club

**Entertainment Chairperson Cheryl Rybka.**

**If you'd like to sponsor an event or have an idea,**

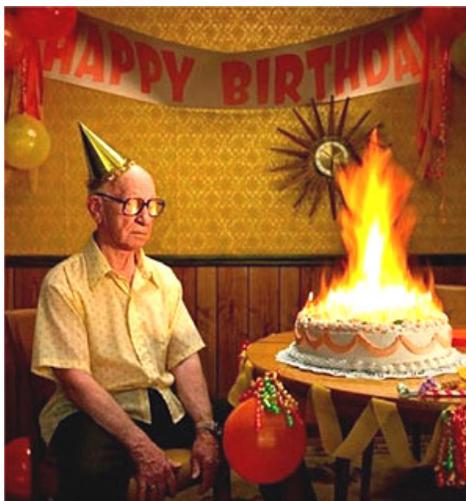
**Please contact Cheryl at**

**(H) 414-766-1605 (C) 414-530-8770 or email: rybkac@yahoo.com**

## Celebrators

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

Mike Trock 2/1  
 Fred Roeseler 2/2  
 Tony Karwacki 2/5  
 Linda Daly 2/6  
 Ralph Michaels 2/6  
 Sue Schlichting 2/7  
 Cathy Bruck 2/8  
 John Hurula 2/8  
 Marilyn Kotarak 2/8  
 Judy Lindemoen 2/8  
 Neal Modlinski 2/8  
 Joe Tarnowski 2/9  
 JJ Reifschneider 2/12  
 Joel Stojavljevic 2/12  
 Mary Oudeans 2/13  
 Don Green 2/14



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

John King 2/14  
 Kenny Sierszen 2/15  
 Richard Smukalla (Swiftly) 2/19  
 Shirley Tarnowski 2/19  
 Mike Gengler Jr. 2/23  
 Dave Schiel 2/23  
 Bob Spenner 2/23  
 Melissa Maker 2/25

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

Adam & Cheryl Miller 2/13  
 Jerry & Lois Kowalczewski 2/26  
 Steve & Sharyn Hock 2/29

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## Sausage Fest Notice

**Sausage Fest** (the preparation for a feast)!

Members look at your calendars in February, the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>.

The 11<sup>th</sup> will be the slicing of the meat and marinating overnight. The 12<sup>th</sup> is the stuffing of the sausage. Our goal will be to make enough for an enormous Sausage Grilling Extravaganza (or 2) during the summer.

We are asking each sausage-making participant to donate \$20.00 towards the supplies.

Sign up sheets will be posted soon! If you have any questions please feel free to contact **Jon Haag**.



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Appointments Appreciated  
Tuesday Thru Saturday

January 15, 2011  
Installation Dinner at Crowne Plaza Milw. Airport

Admission price \$35.00 per person until January 3rd  
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 Starlites



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

Your \$35.00 per person includes  
Dinner and music to follow.  
Sit Down Dinner includes choice of:  
Top Sirloin of Beef, Grilled Adobo Chicken Chop or  
Tilapia with Creamy Shrimp Etouffee

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Mention SMYC for \$79.00 Room Rate—book early!!

Drawing will be held during first band intermission for  
1 night stay and 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Forms must be received at the yacht club with full payment by  
January 3rd for \$35.00 per person  
Questions should be directed to  
Mary Jo Haag 414-861-0471 or Debby Schulz 414-571-0444

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