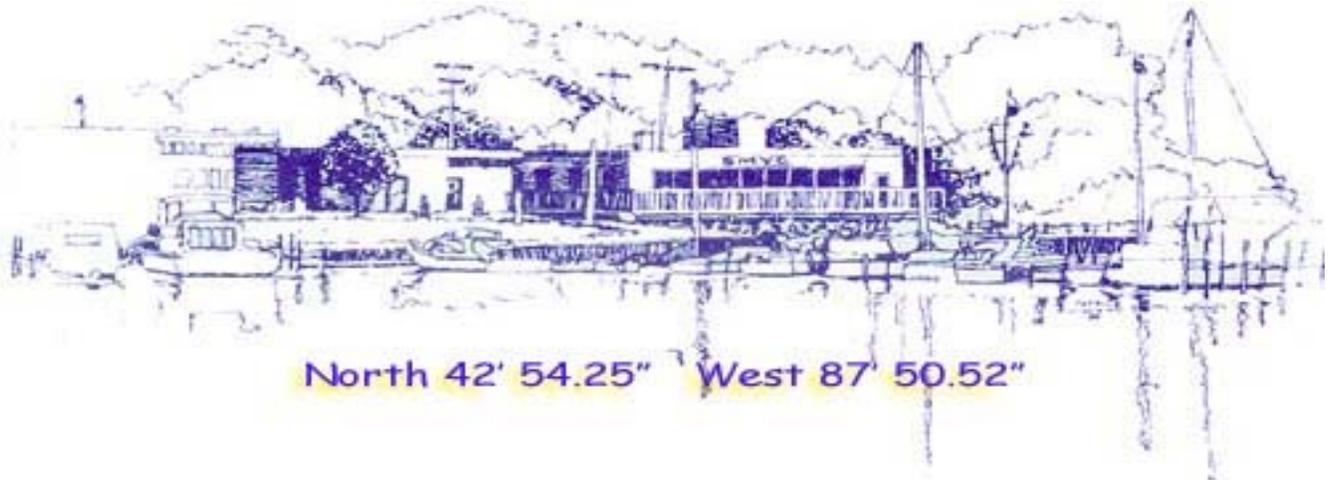




South Milwaukee Yacht Club



101 Marshall Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172



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High Tide

June 2011

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Photo of the Month



Commodore Jon Haag addresses the assembly after raising the flag at blessing of the fleet

2010 OFFICERS



COMMODORE
Jon Haag



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Paula Modlinski



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Bill Wheatley



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Kyle Brunk

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Karen "Kiki" Kilman



FLEET CAPTAIN
Mike Strzok

BOARD MEMBERS

Barb Nowak
Michael Ciecza
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

Jon Haag

GROUND

Tony Karwacki

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Kyle Brunk

Commodore's Comments



Welcome to Summer! We have had several days of sun...all in a row...what a concept!

I am extremely happy to report that the inner harbor dredge phase is complete. We still have the final phase of the project to complete which is to get the dredging spoils trucked offsite. Our hope is this portion of the project will start within the next couple of weeks. There are many people to thank in moving the dredging project forward; however, one name needs a big round of applause. He has overseen the dredge, been in constant communication with our contractors, praised them when needed, beat them when needed, and fielded a multitude of comments, concerns, and questions from our membership. The next time you see the **Rear Commodore Bill Wheatley** please take the time to thank him. He has represented our Club extremely well and I for one appreciate the time and effort he has put forward.

In case you haven't noticed, we have been putting boats in the water during the dredging as opportunity has allowed us to do it safely. Our investment in the capability and flexibility to control our launch schedule has been invaluable this year. Again, I want to thank the crew that has donated a great deal of time and effort in getting the equipment ready and safely launching boats that were ready to go. As I have said in the past, the talent of this club is impressive. Here is just another example, we had a boat that had just been placed in the water, a check of the bilge found a water leak coming from a thru hull fitting. A quick decision was made to pull the boat back up and fix the issue. Within an hour of the original launch, the boat was repaired, launched again, and tied up to the dock. How COOL is that!

We have some great events coming up over the next couple of months. Take advantage of having some fun. If you have an idea for an event, please contact **Cheryl Rybka**. The Juniors will start sailing soon, take the time encourage the kids and thank the advisors for their efforts.

We have already accomplished a great deal this year. Once the boats are all in the water it is time to take a breath and enjoy our incredible good fortune of having Lake Michigan as our playground.

Jon

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Help the Club Conserve Funds

As promised throughout the year, here is the first of several communications on an area of cost control, not to mention one that is near and dear to my heart. I am still looking that special someone that is willing to look at our utility costs and develop a plan to assist in controlling our costs.

Recently, **Mary Jo** and I purchased a boat. We are making a conscious effort to limit our usage especially when we are not on the boat. We are leaving the boat only using essential circuits and ensuring that all others are switched off. To be quite honest with you I really don't know how much the utility cost is involved with operating a docked boat. I do know that there is a 30 amp service hooked up to the boat. Doing the simple math, this could be a significant cost to the Club. I realize that we pay a Summer Usage Fee to cover these costs. However, we should still do the right thing by being conservative with our energy usage.

I was informed that we had left 2 freezers running throughout the winter empty. Although the damage to our electric bill is done, it brings up the point of being aware of our usage for the future. I am comfortable that we should be able to survive on 1 of these freezers operating. The bigger issue is that we need to ensure that the 1 freezer is disconnected when its use is not necessary.

The Club House is another area that we all need to be aware of. Simple things can make a big difference in our bills. If lights are left on and not being used – shut them off. We are going to look at installing programmable thermostats that are password protected to control our heating and cooling temperatures throughout the year.

An area that needs to be constantly monitored is leaking water faucets. If your faucet is leaking at your pier, please contact **Randy Kempowski** as soon as possible. I know we need more water in the lake but...

If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Working together we can make a difference to our utility costs.

Jon Haag, SMYC Commodore



Junior's Earth Day Cleanup Recap

The SMYC Juniors sponsored an Earth Day clean up of our grounds this past month. Although we weren't able to attack the parking lot we did spruce up the grounds around the clubhouse. Thanks to **Debby Smith's** idea of cleaning up the beach between our roadway and Grant Park. It a great place to sit and watch the sunrise, play volleyball or just kick back and relax. The kids hauled drift wood which we later burned, raked the beach, moved rocks and all in all did a fab job of cleaning up the beach before the rain came. Many thanks to Cheryl & **Ryan Rybka** (**Ryan** built and is still working on a pathway to make access to the beach easier) **Katie**, **Sarah and Jimbo Conti**, **Lauren Buchholz**, **Mickey Nowak**, **Bill Wheatly**, **Mary Jo Haag**, and **Debby Smith**. It was a small crew but their sweat and a tiny bit of blood really paid off.

Commodore's new ride



Concrete Challenge

SMYC members step up yet again to help out, in traditional fashion!

Concrete is direly needed in front of the Travel Lift well, due to dangerous undermining and erosion in the area over the winter. Our guys worked all weekend (4/30-5/01) planning and prepping by welding, backfilling and putting in the forms, and the plan is to finish with pouring concrete this Saturday, 05/07/2011.

Total expected cost for the project is \$2,500. A very generous, anonymous member has offered to match contributions made by fellow members dollar for dollar (up to \$1,250), for donations made to specifically to cover the cost of the concrete.

I'd like to challenge the various sections of the harbor in a friendly competition to raise the cash to cover the cost of the cement. This challenge is based **on the percentage of participation from each section, not** the dollar amount collected. Are you on the **Gold Coast, Gas Dock, Outer Wall, South Wall** or **North Wall**? As part of the **Gas Dock**, I challenge my fellow Gas Dock Monkeys to participate! Any amount donated counts towards your "home" section's participation percentage.

Fundraising runs from now until 6/15/2011. Place your cash or check donation in an envelope labeled "Kiki: CONCRETE" along with your First/Last name clearly written on the envelope, to assure your section receives credit. Envelopes should be turned in at the bar. For those who cannot or did not physically help with project, this is a fantastic opportunity to help us see the project through to completion.

Each participant from the winning section will receive one entry in a random drawing to win either a \$35 **Adamczyk Foods** Gift Certificate, a new pizza oven courtesy of the **Ussel's** or a portable DVD player courtesy of **Patti Cardarelle/Sentry Insurance**. Let the competition begin!

Karen (KiKi) Kilman

Blessing of the Fleet Photos



SMYC Events Upcoming

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

June

6	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
10	Pasta Night	5:30-8:30pm	Kempowski/Rybka
18	In-House Fishing Contest	5:00am	Hoffa
20	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
30	SMYC Poker Night	6:00pm	Crawfords

July

5	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
8	In-House Fishing Contest	6:00pm	Hoffa
16	Fish On/Off SMYC vs. SSYC	5:00am	Gengler
18	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
23	Tailgate Party	1:00pm	Haag
28	SMYC Poker Night	6:00pm	Crawfords
30	Powder Puff Fishing Contest	5:00pm	Hoffa
TBD	Slip Shots	6:30pm	Fivenson

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!

Debbie Brunk 7/2
 Karen Kilman 7/3
 Stephanie Bruck 7/6
 Marc Rybka 7/6
 Brittany Michaels 7/9
 Jayne Nowicki 7/11
 Jim Spiess 7/12
 Larry Burss 7/14
 Barb Mueller 7/14
 Jan Ruggles 7/14
 Erick Slamka 7/16
 Bob Smith 7/16
 Brittany Bruck 7/18
 Barbara Robish 7/18
 Elizabeth Steinhaus 7/18
 Steve Steinhaus 7/18
 Jeanine Blaser 7/23



Happy Birthday!

Cathy Juriewicz 7/24
 Kathryn Steinhaus 7/24
 Harry Brunette 7/31
 Sandy Kilman 7/31

Happy Anniversary!

Don & Del Green 7/2
 Ken & Sandy Kilman 7/8
 Moe & Sherry Landry 7/10
 Bob & Patti Cardarelle 7/11
 Mike & Katy Gengler 7/12
 John & Sheryl Hurula 7/29

2011 Big Dig Photos



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An Event You Don't Want To Miss!!

SMYC Pasta Night

Friday, June 10th from 5:30-8:30pm



Your choice of **Butter Garlic Clam Sauce**- \$9.00 donation

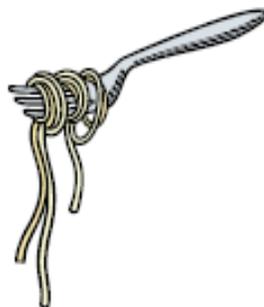
Or **Marinara Meat Sauce**- \$8.00 donation

Children 12 and under- \$5.00 donation

*Dinner includes salad, bread, cookie sundae dessert,
and live music by the **Rustbelt Boys** starting at 8:00pm.

Tickets will be available ahead of time
at the bar or the night of the event.

Join us for an incredible meal, live entertainment,
raffles, and a whole lot of fun!!



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SSYC -SMYC Fish On- Fish Off

Date : JULY 16, 2011 (17th Rain Date)

\$35.00 / boat entry fee (100% payback)

\$7.00 / person for food after event (SSYC)

Free Dockage at South Shore

(see your club representative for rules/application)



SSYC:

George Artka - 414-761-3681

SMYC:

Mike Gengler - 414-659-9240