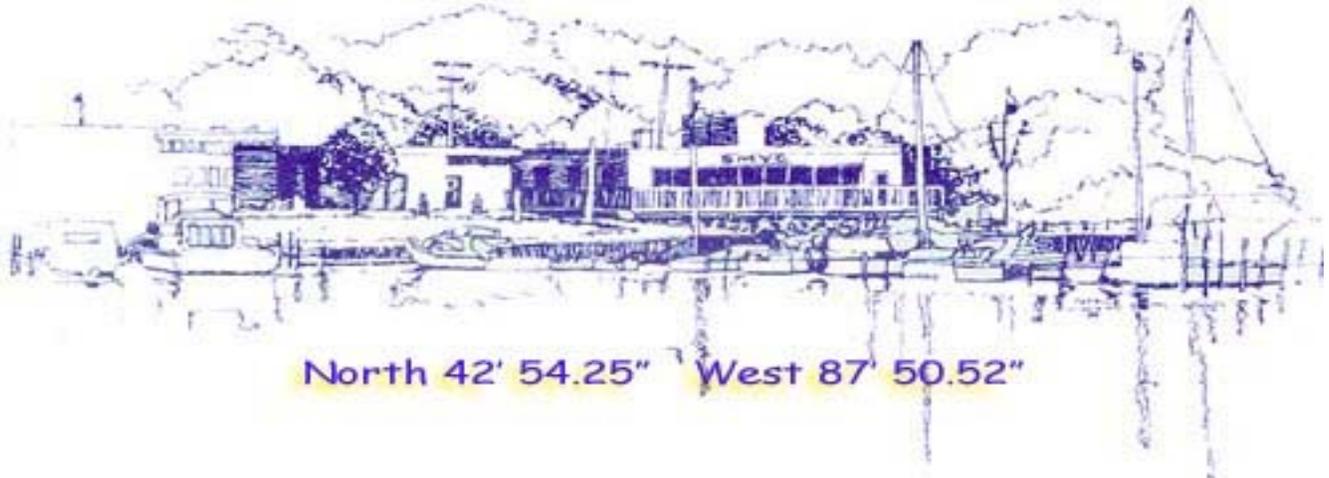




South Milwaukee Yacht Club



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High Tide

March 2011

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Sausage Fest crew preparing the sausage

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Randy Kempowski

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Commodore's Comments



The boating season has arrived! Saturday was the annual Pier Bidding day and a successful inaugural one at that. This was Fleet Captain **Mike Strzok's** first Pier Bidding. Mike had strong support from **Rick, Mary, and Krissy Klamrowski**. I would like to thank the Klamrowski clan for their continuing support of the Club and the assistance they gave Mike in the transition to the Fleet Captain position.

If you haven't heard, we had a successful Sausage Fest. We made around a 100 pounds of Brats, Polish, Sweet Italian, and Bold Italians. I had a great time and learned a great deal. **Tom Ciurlik, Leroy Ciombor, KiKi Killman, Patti Caradelle, Rick Klamrowski, Bill Wheatley, and JJ Reifschneider** made a great team. Now bring on the summer, as we are going to have a fun-filled picnic with some exceptional sausage to sample.

We had our first Club Work Day of 2011 on February 26th. A small group assisted in the sprucing up of the basement. We were able to clean up, dispose of, and recycle many items that were stored in the basement. I would like to thank **Bob Sandretto, Mary Jo Haag, and Cary Lechner**. We will have more of these types of opportunities throughout the year. It is a great way to get hours and get involved with our Club.

As promised at the February General Membership Meeting, I am kicking off my rant on the SMYC – Green Initiative. For those of you lucky enough to miss this conversation, don't worry, I promise to spread the news. The Board is actively looking at cost cutting measures that make sense to our membership. One area that I believe we can save is in our utilities. The Green I am talking about is cash. We need to make a concerted effort as a group to use resources wisely. I am stilling looking for someone to lead this effort. If you have a passion for saving money and using resources wisely please contact me. If you have any cost saving suggestions please don't hesitate to contact a Board Member or myself.

March and April are going to be busy months around the club in preparation for launch, and a check of the event board has shown some opportunity for fun. Hopefully, we will be blessed with warm weather to get a jump-start on the process. The Harbor Dredging need is being addressed. I would like to take a moment to thank **Tom Schulz, Kurt Bruck, Mark Rybka, Tom Hoffa, Randy Kempowski, and Ray Hollnagel** for their involvement and ensuring the dredging of our harbor is moving forward. The outside equipment will need to be inspected and readied for the season, not to mention the boat preparation itself. We will be getting the word out on all of the needs and how you can help. Please look for ways to pitch in. We are in this together and that truly is what makes this club great.

Boats in the water are less than 60 days away!

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LMYA Report

Jim and I just went to an LMYA board meeting at Marquette Yacht Club in Indiana, February 20th. This club has a cozy two story club house on the Calumet waterway – a canal that was formerly used for barges connecting to other waterways. The Calumet leads into a bay where the Portage Marina is located. The club has access to Lake Michigan; the open lake is about a mile away. There are one-hundred members at the Marquette Yacht Club, which includes both boating and social members.

The club has thirty slips and some members keep their boats at the nearby marina. A couple of years ago, flooding demolished some of the docks on the waterway. As I walked out on the deck overlooking the docks, I noticed that most of these docks are now removed during the winter. Like Indiana Harbor Yacht Club, the Marquette bar is on the upper floor - a round bar with a deck outside facing the waterway. There is also a dining room with a kitchen behind it, which I hear serves great fish fries. The lower level has a recreation room with a porch that leads outside to the slips.

The board meeting was held in the dining room and preceded in a businesslike manner. There was a report on meetings held by the Corps of Engineers (federal) which is looking at an area of seventeen states which each have a stake in the carp issue. Information from Indian tribes, recreational boaters, and industries is being gathered for a report the Corps intends to issue in 2015. At these meetings with the Corps, people are saying they want something done now – not four years from now! But for now, the three barriers seem to be holding carp back from Lake Michigan. Yet there is a danger that with flooding, carp can find their way into the lake. So there is talk of putting up fences in areas vulnerable to flooding. And an interesting aside, these carp can grow up to seventy pounds, as reported from the Starved Rock Yacht Club area. Their jumping can hit and damage small boats...and people.

There was surprising news (at least to me) about zebra mussels. Quagga mussels have just about eliminated them, but are a threat in their own right. Quagga eat an enormous amount of plankton in the lake. They have reduced the plankton from the top 70 % on the lake to the top 5% of the lake. The only bright side of this is that carp may not have enough to eat if they enter the lake. But native species also suffer from lack of food. There will be an article on this in an upcoming issue the LMYA newsletter, *The Spreader*.

One LMYA member who attends the Common Council of Milwaukee meetings reported that the sunset clause has been removed from the no-wake ordinance for the outer Milwaukee harbor, so the no-wake ordinance stays in effect for special events. Also, there is a plan to use loud noise to disperse seagulls before air shows. Last year, one jet ingested some sea gulls and had to land at Mitchell Field due to engine damage.

Summer LMYA events are just around the corner. The Rendezvous will be held at Port Washington June 18 and 19. Their new floating docks can accommodate 50 extra boats. South Shore Yacht Club's open house will be three days this year instead of four as in the past.

The LMYA, like many organizations these days, is trying to tighten its budget. It lost nine clubs last year, but gained four new ones. Currently, there are 66 yacht club members, 148 sustaining (individual paying) members, and 54 life-time members in the LMYA.

Following the board meeting, I participated on the committee for revising the cruise cards and blue book. Mailing costs are getting high, and LMYA wants to shave off costs where it can, without having to raise dues. So the 13 sheet cruise card package will be reduced to two pages, one vender listing to a line. The vendor can then initial their line on the sheet, showing that their particular offer has been used. This system will replace the coupon-clipping system used before.

There will be fewer blue book replacement pages as some older, marginal material will be eliminated. Also, some material taking up several half-pages will be combined onto one page. The heart of the blue book – the yacht club listings, will remain the same, with yearly updates, of course. Some material, like the LMYA constitution which doesn't change, will be sent only to new members. This seems a good start on the revision process which I am sure will continue in the future. And of course any suggestions SMYC club members have would be very welcome.

Linda Daly

General Membership Meeting Reminder

Before Pier Bidding on Saturday, March 5th, I took a few minutes to address everyone in attendance. It may have come as a bit of a surprise that I was asking for members to become more involved with the operation of our Club. I meant every word, as I do now: **the Club needs every provisional and regular member to be more involved in the decision making process.** In November and December, we failed to reach a quorum (25 members) at the General Membership Meetings. The direct result was that the 2011 Budget was not approved until February.

Attending the General Membership Meetings every month (3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00pm) ensures membership involvement with the Board, Committee Chairs, and the Commodore. The feedback from these meetings is extremely beneficial in making sound decisions for our Club. Our Rules and Bylaws suggest that provisional and regular members make every effort to attend a *minimum* of six General Membership Meetings per year. Please be conscious of your responsibility to be part of this important process.

Jon Haag
Commodore, South Milwaukee Yacht Club

Sausage Fest Pictures



SMYC Events Upcoming

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

March

4	Hors d' oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
5	Pier Bidding	12:00pm	Strzok
7	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
19	Sock Hop	6:00pm	Juniors
21	General Membership	7:00pm	Club
24	SMYC Poker Night	6:00pm	Crawfords
26-27	Boater Safety	10-2:00pm	Daly

April

1	Hors d' oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
4	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
18	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
23	Easter Party & Egg Hunt	1:00-5:00pm	Nowaks
28	SMYC Poker Night	6:00pm	Crawfords
30	Launch Lunch & Open House	12:00pm	Marketing Committee

Entertainment Chairperson Cheryl Rybka.

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

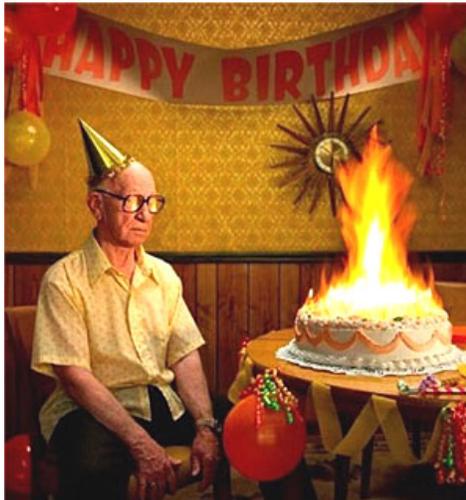
Please contact Cheryl at

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

Celebrators

Happy Birthday!

Laury Saxler 4/2
 Keith Somerlot 4/2
 Steve Fivenson 4/6
 Carl Karwacki 4/7
 Del Green 4/9
 Darlene Pasniak 4/10
 Nancy Paull 4/10
 Judy Trock 4/10
 Jim Zorn 4/11
 Garrett Lidwin 4/13
 Ralph Michaels Jr 4/14
 Mary Klamrowski 4/17
 Clark Chiaverotti 4/19
 Peter Russo 4/19
 Bruce Wendling 4/19



Happy Birthday!

Jennifer Spenner 4/22
 Ray Hollnagel 4/24
 Wendy Sleight 4/25
 Greg Molten 4/28

Happy Anniversary!

Ben & Sherry Chadwick 4/3
 Allen & Kandis Hock 4/4
 Dan & Heidi Moshinski 4/5
 Stan & Oana Crawford 4/16

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TOWNE BARBERS

Appointments Appreciated
Tuesday Thru Saturday

SMYC Easter Party & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23rd, 2011

1:00 – 5:00pm

\$6.00 per person no matter your age!

Children & Adult Raffles

Kid's baskets, include toys, passes & gift cards to local children's attractions. Raffles for the adults include restaurant gift cards, wine, liquor, and more.



Coloring Contest, Jelly Bean Guess & Craft Contest's with prizes for all ages. Easter Egg Hunt with over 1,000 eggs.

The egg hunt will be at approximately 2:00pm. Crafts and coloring prior to and after the egg hunt.

Dinner served approximately 4:00pm

Kid's Menu = Hot dogs, Mac & Cheese, Veggies & Dessert

Adult's = Italian Sausage & Peppers, Pasta, Parmesan Potato's, Italian Salad and plenty of Desserts.

Raffles to follow approximately 4:30pm

Direct questions to Barb Nowak at 414 762-5541

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SMYC Easter Party & Egg Hunt

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