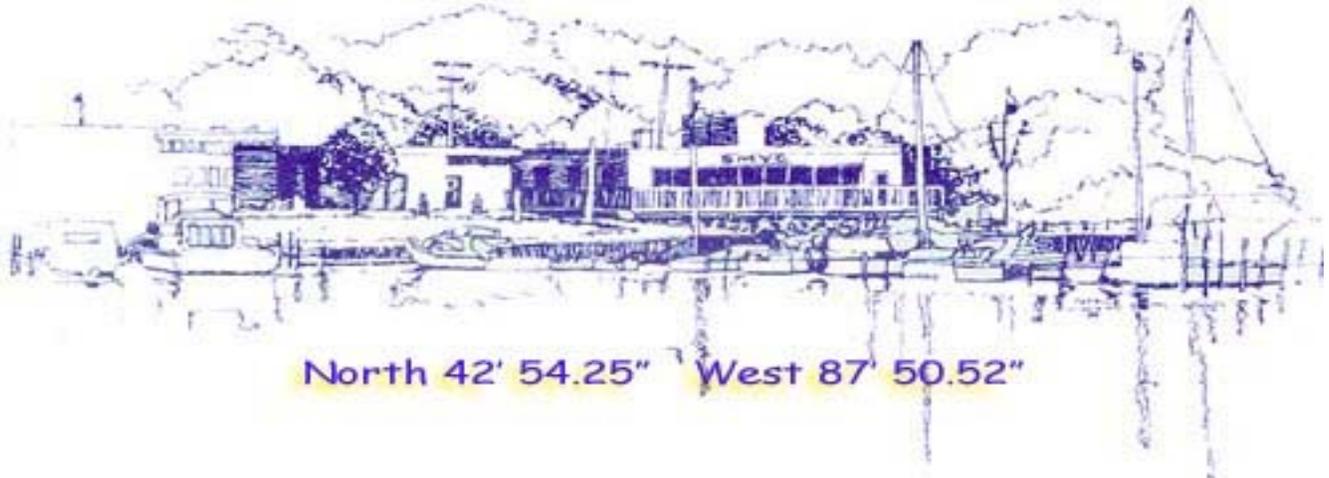




South Milwaukee Yacht Club



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High Tide

November 2011

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Photo of the Month



Congratulations to Jon Haag for being re-elected
as Commodore of SMYC for 2012

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

Jon Haag

GROUNDS

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



Fall is a beautiful time of the year. We have switched gears from fun in the sun to Mother Nature's awesome colors. With the boats ashore, we have completed the cycle of boating...or at least most of us have! The Club is still busy preparing for the long winter months. Some of our members have already flown the coop or are about to make their next voyage to a warmer climate. The rest of us fortunately or unfortunately (depending on how you look at it) will gut out the winter!

I would like to thank our Fleet Captain **Mike Strzok** for his guidance and patience during Haul Out. **Mike** and his crew did another fantastic job. It is our second year with the travel lift and there have been many lessons learned. The bottom line is that there is a lot to be said about meeting our schedule and not having to depend on outside influences (I.e. crane scheduling and weather) controlling our fate.

We have had a few changes in our ranks. **Kyle Brunk** has resigned as Treasurer. **Kyle** has been an asset at this position for many years and we appreciate all of his contributions. **Lynn Ussel** has taken the Treasurer position over and she will do a great job. **John Nowicki** is our new Bar Manager. The next time you see **John John** thank him for volunteering. I want to thank **Joel Stojasavljevic** for his service to our Club as the past Bar Manager. **Patricia Sprung**, who has worked for SMYC cleaning our facility for many years, has recently informed us that she is resigning from her position effective November 1. I would like to wish **Patty** on behalf of the Club the best of luck and thank her for the many years of service. We would like to welcome **Janet Neumann**, who has taken over the cleaning position.

After our last General Membership Meeting we held elections for next year's Board. I want thank all Members that attended to support their club. I also want to thank next year's new Board Members **Jan Ruggles** - Vice Commodore, **Lynn Ussel** - Treasurer, and Patti Cardarelle - Board. Our Club continues to have great leadership with the addition of this year's Board Members and it shows the continuing support our members are willing to give. **Mike Cieczka** - Board, **Kiki Kilman** - Financial Secretary, **Bill Wheatley** - Rear Commodore retained their positions on the board. Make sure to thank our new Board Members and our current Board Members for their support to the Club the next time you see them.

I have also retained my position as Commodore of the Club. I am looking forward to working with all of you in keeping the "Working Man's" yacht club a great place to be. We have a great Club because of our membership and their "can do" attitude!

Jon
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Fleet Captain Report

Fall of 2011 was the second season using the travel lift. I can say with confidence that there is a core group of members that have become very familiar with the lift. Each time we used it this season I could see the group getting more familiar, working smoother, and gaining more knowledge of this necessary piece of equipment. I personally feel that this was a purchase that will pay for itself in many ways, and I hope that the entire membership feels the same way.

In the past year there were a few problems that needed to be addressed and like everything in our Club, the membership worked together and efficiently to correct those problems. I would like to thank the entire membership for their patience, trust, and suggestions that helped me throughout this boating season.

With that being said, I would like to personally thank the core group of people that made this year's Haul Out a smooth success. **Mike Trock** for his expertise in handling a tractor pushing a trailer with a large boat on top of it around a small, condensed, and confined area. **Mark Rybka** for his knowledge on how to evenly load a huge piece of fiberglass onto a trailer. **Bill Wheatley** who was always available, willing to help, even with a last minute telephone call. **Bob Smith** for being able to drive a large four-wheeled beamed vehicle without putting a scratch on any one of the forty-eight boats that were taken out of the water this fall. I would also like to thank **Rick Klamrowski** for all of his knowledge, help, and never saying no to me when I asked him for assistance. I can't forget to thank **Tom, Meg, Chris, and Leroy** who always offered to have food for the work crew, and always came through with their usual delicious fare. Thanks to all the other members that found time to help out when they could. I am looking forward to the boating season of 2012 and hoping it will get here faster than the 2011 season did. Again, thanks to everyone for another enjoyable season.

Fleet Captain Mike Strzok.

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LMYA Report

The Wisconsin Region of LMYA had a meeting at South Shore Yacht Club on September 20; the previous regional meeting was March 29. Between these meetings, two successful regional events occurred: the Rendezvous at Port Washington and the South Shore Yacht Club Open House. We now look forward to the annual LMYA meeting of all regions at Marquette Yacht Club on November 19, which will round out the LMYA activities for the year. **Jim** and I will be attending that this annual meeting of all the LMYA regions.

Election of Wisconsin Region officers was held at the September 20th meeting with all 2011 officers retaining their positions in 2012. These officers are: Rear Commodore – **Jim Mergener** and Purser/Yeoman – **Keith Ponnath**. No request for 'new blood' was made this year, but the prospect of getting new people involved is still a hopeful thought. The list of board members remains mostly the same, with the addition of **Murray Wright**.

There have been some administrative changes within LMYA this year. The cruise cards were in the Blue Book this year instead of being printed separately, which saved LMYA considerable postage fees. Next year, a further cost saving action is being considered in delivering the Blue Book inserts to yacht clubs where members can pick them up instead of receiving individual mailings. PayPal usage on the LMYA web site has not been very successful as only five or six people took advantage of it. Consequently, PayPal will be dropped from the site. You can still get a form from the site, but it will have to be printed and mailed.

A committee was formed to deal with the ethanol issue. I volunteered as a member of this committee. If anyone has thoughts or questions on this issue, please pass them on to me. No dates have yet been set for committee meetings.

Activities for next boating season are already in the planning stage. The rendezvous will again be held at Port Washington with suggested dates of June 15-17. Port Washington Yacht Club is willing to host again and the club is growing in membership with 165 households now belonging. South Shore Open House dates are July 5-8. There will be a Wisconsin Region meeting at South Shore Yacht Club on April 24th 2012.

And here are other issues that were brought up. South Shore is having a break wall problem – sand and waves are coming through it. There was to be a meeting about the problem in August 2011, but the LMYA got the meeting announcement in September 2011. So nothing further is known about any work on this problem. There seems to be a meeting-notice-flu-bug going around as the Coast Guard only got notices out to 10 of 45 people for a Milwaukee Harbor Safety Committee meeting. So there was nothing new to report from this committee of law enforcement, commercial, and recreational boating organizations. But there is news from the Fox River locks area. Towns along the river are building up business to cater to tourists and boaters – especially kayaks and other paddlers. If you are interested in paddle sports, check out this web site: www.wisconsinpaddler.org And as always, call me or email me if you have any questions or suggestions for me to pass on to the LMYA.

**LMYA Committee Chair,
Linda Daly**



SMYC
Trim-a-Tree / Hors d'oeuvres Night
Friday December 2nd
Starting at 6pm

Submit a nautical/club themed ornament for the tree to receive a free drink and a chance to win a prize.



SMYC Events Upcoming

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

November

4	Hors d' oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
7	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
21	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
24	Happy Thanksgiving!!!		

December

2	Hors d' oeuvre Night- Trim a Tree	6:00pm	Club
5	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
9	Ladies Christmas Party	6:00pm	Gengler/Kowalczewski
19	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
29	SMYC Poker Night	6:00pm	Club
TBD	Children's Christmas Party	TBD	Sponsor Needed

Entertainment Chairperson Cheryl Rybka.

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

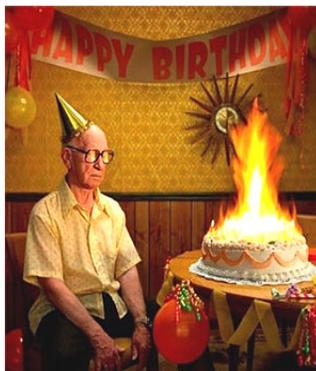
Please contact Cheryl at

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

Celebrators

Happy Birthday!

Steve Hock 12/2
 Barb Nowak 12/4
 Kris Ciombor 12/6
 Wayne Hofrichter 12/6
 Ashley Hock 12/7
 Robert Minerick 12/8
 Christine Zorn 12/8
 Mary Karwacki 12/10
 Geoff Erdman 12/19
 Janet Behling 12/24
 Dean Schultz 12/24
 Debbie Smith 12/24
 Adam Hock 12/25
 Rob Kilman 12/27
 Katie Conti 12/29



Happy Anniversary!

Larry & Sue Burss
 12/3
 Paul & Teri Ruggles
 12/3
 Rick & Betsy Reifschneider
 12/10
 Fred & Rima Roeseler
 12/15
 Henry & Joann Reichenbach
 12/29



Ladies X-Mas Party

Watching the first snowflakes of the season floating by the window proves that there is no denying it is time to seriously get all those Holiday plans in place.

The organizers of the **SMYC Ladies' Christmas Party**, **Roxanne Gengler and Lois Kowalczewski** would appreciate hearing from those women who do plan to attend the Ladies Party on **Friday evening, December 9th**. A commitment from 30 women is needed to contract with most caterers. The ticket price is not known at this time, but on average is typically about \$25 pp.

Please indicate via e-mail whether you will or will not be attending by indicating the number of meals you are planning to purchase. If you are hoping to bring family members or guests, please include the total number of guests (i.e. I am expecting ____ will be in attendance).

Please email roxgengler@gmail.com with your reply.

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Installation Notice— January 21st 2012

January 21, 2012
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 Marcell Guyton



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:
New York Strip Steak, Chicken w/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 1 night stay
and dinner for 2 at Crowne Plaza to be used at a later date.

Sign Up Forms will be in December High Tide.
(check with bartender for extra forms).

You can make your hotel reservation at any time.
Questions should be directed to
Cheryl Rybka 414-766-1605
Or Mary Jo Haag 414-762-6751

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Member of the Year Nominations Notice

The Board of Directors is currently accepting nominations for **MEMBER OF THE YEAR**. The deadline for submitting a written recommendation is December 1st.

The award for Member of the Year is presented during **Installation of Officers**, tentatively scheduled for **January 21, 2012**.

Regards,
SMYC Board of Directors

History Night/Junior's Awards Photos



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