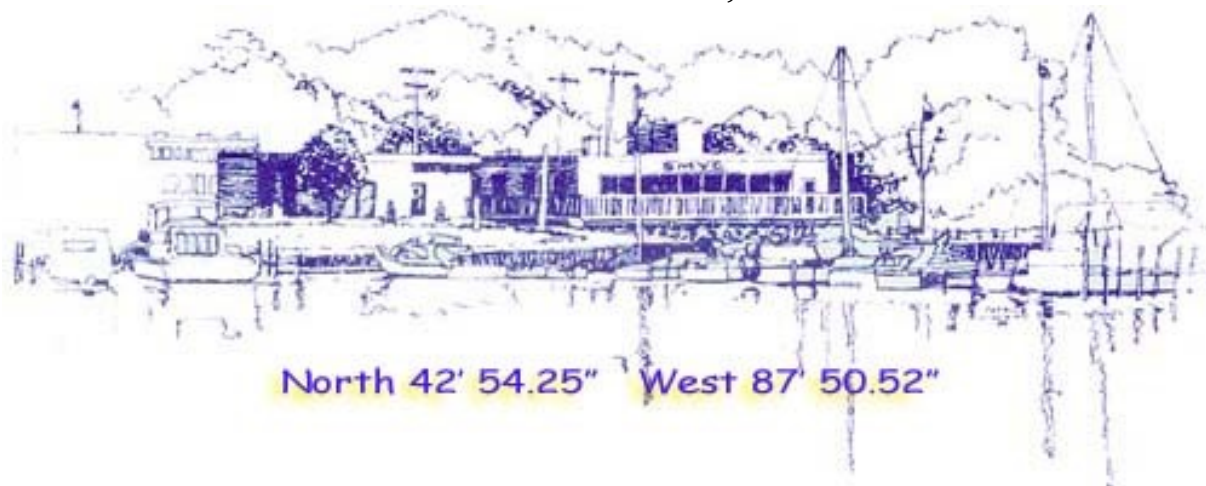




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High Tide

September 2016

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Thank you Mike and Dona!

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Jon Haag

Commodore's Comments

Oh what a summer this has been – finally “global warming” has taken over! And I thought Al Gore was smoking one of his Carbon Credits. MJ and I have only had our boat for the last 5 or 6 summers and don't remember one quite as warm. There are high 80's in September! However, reality will hit us in the face soon. **Bryan Gahan**, our Fleet Captain, is starting that chess game which is figuring out where all of the boats will be parked for the winter. If you have decided to keep your boat on shore this year and it was not listed on your Harbor Use form, please contact Bryan as soon as possible. One final thing on Haul Out, patience is a **virtue**. There are multiple changes going on throughout the event based on needs of boat placement and potentially the owner's needs. It will all get done and done extremely safely!

I hope you didn't miss the events at the Club in August. The Annual Powder Puff Fishing Contest is always a great event. Thanks to **Tom Hoffa**, **Dan Moshinski**, and their entire crew for putting this together. We had Slip Shots (*Special*) Olympics version – **Amber** and **Dan Zweck** ran this event and did an outstanding job. Finally, our Annual Open House – another awesome 3-day event and our largest of the year. I can't even come close to thanking all of the volunteers that helped us get this party together. I want to especially thank the new members who stepped up and gave us a helping hand. The Club appreciates it greatly! I do want to take time to thank the following members for their extraordinary assistance to this year's success: **Michelle Barclay**, **Deb** and **Kyle Brunk**, **Dona** and **Mike Cieczka**, the **Hock Crew**, **Mary Karwacki**, **Debbie** and **Bob Larson**, **Paul Mozejewski**, **Barb** and **Mickey Nowak**, **Dawn** and **John Simons**, **Steve Steinhaus**, **Jayne** and **Scott Wisniewski**. If I have missed someone please forgive me, this is truly a CLUB event!

Finally, our rendezvous at Reefpoint Marina, Labor Day Weekend was another success...I know I had a bit of rod knock every morning. Thanks to **Katy Steinhaus** and the **Steinhaus Clan** for sponsoring this fun outing.

While boating season maybe winding down, there is still plenty of time to enjoy your boat, enjoy your Club, and enjoy our Lake Michigan playground!

See you at the Club,

Jon Haag
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SMYC Election of Officers and Annual Meeting

October 17th at 7:00 PM



Here are the positions that are open in the Board:

Commodore (1 year position) – Running for the position – Jon Haag
Vice Commodore (1 year position) – Running for the position – Mike Gengler
Rear Commodore (1 year position) – Running for the position – Jan Ruggles
Corresponding Secretary (1 year position) – Running for the position – Katy Stenhaus
Financial Secretary (1 year position)
Treasurer (1 year position) – Running for the position – Betsy Reifschneider
2 Board Member Positions (3 year positions) – Running for the position – Kiki Kilman

If you are interested in getting involved with the Board, please contact Rick Klamrowski
(c) (414) 520-6737 (e) klamchwd@aol.com.

This is an ELECTION – it is **great** to have choices for Members to consider.

Pig Roast Recap

Thanks to everyone who joined us at the SMYC Open House Pork and Chicken Roast on Saturday August 27th. The weather looked marginal early in the morning but as usual the SMYC "Vortex" managed to split the rain storm to the north and south keeping us dry. The food was superb as usual, the beer was cold and foamy and the band was excellent. New features this year were the "Wheel of Fortune" raffles and the famous "Racing Minnows" events, and a new location for the outside "Loserville" bar. Look for them to return again next year.

This is the biggest event of the year for our Club and once again Membership came together to pull off a great event. This event is a huge undertaking and would not be possible without the help and dedication from so many members. The list of members who helped out is too long to print but I would like to give special notice to the leaders of the various tasks.

John Nowicki for his leadership in the setup of the tent, beer wagon, and the outside bar.

Dona and Mike Cieccka – "master boat builders" for all the wonderful decorations inside and outside

Mary Karwacki – organizing the donations and inside raffles.

Jane and Scott Wisniewski - preparing and serving the side dishes.

Steve Steinhaus and his crew of masterful chefs for tending the roasters all day and providing everyone with some wonderful barbecued chicken and pork.

Dan and Heidi Moshinski, Randy Kempowski, Dona Cieccka, and Deborah Brunk - they took the old style outside raffle and turned it into the super successful "Wheel of Fortune".

Gil Magolan - outside bar manager and the Master of the "Loserville" megaphone.

Paul Mozejewski - our bar manager for keeping us all pleasantly hydrated.

Harry Brunette - our Grounds Chairman for getting our grounds in tiptop shape.

Meg and Tom Ciurlik - for keeping the stock of supplies on hand at adequate levels.

Debbie and Bob Larson for managing and handling the cash on hand.

John and Dawn Simons / Alan and Joanne Barrett - for preparing and serving the Hangover Breakfast on Sunday.



Steak Night Thanks 2016

It was a perfect start to a fun filled weekend.

Many thanks to the morning and evening crews for Steak Night 2016! We had many regular members as well as associate members helping out. There are too many names to list but please know that we appreciate your help. You're awesome at volunteering and so much fun to work with.

Returning steak chef Peter Russo and our new chef Kurt Bruck did an outstanding job on the grill. Veggies and steaks cooked were to perfection. It's a hot job standing over the grill for almost four hours and your efforts are truly appreciated. (Kurt also makes a great breakfast on the grill!)

Jerry Kotarak did a great job keeping the dance floor full as usual.

Once again the event sold out days in advance. Unfortunately Nancy & Brent Mason along with 5 others were unable to attend due to an emergent appendectomy for Nancy that afternoon. We returned their check and sold the steaks and Nancy is doing well so all is good.

The profit for the evening was well over \$1,400.00! Thank you to all our members, family & friends that support this event and our club. You're AWESOME!



Barb & Mickey



Friday, October 7, 2016

6pm—11pm



**Live Music by
Erich von Klassen**



SMYCs 3rd Annual

Fish Fry **Friday, 09/23/16**

5:30pm—8:30pm

SERVING: GRILLED, FRIED & SMOKED

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W/ FIXINGS

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Coleens Recipes

Cheesecake Dip

This quick and easy recipe can be served as an appetizer or for dessert, enjoy!

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1/4 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract
- 1 pint fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs

Whisk cream cheese until smooth. Add sour cream sugar, milk and extract; stir until smooth. Place the strawberries and crumbs in separate serving bowls. Dip strawberries into cheesecake mixture, then into crumbs.

Tips:

Use your favorite fruit.

Lighten up the recipe using reduced fat cream cheese and sour cream.

A quick way to soften cream cheese is to unwrap, microwave 8 ounces on full power for 10 seconds. For this recipe, start with 6 seconds.

SMYC Events Upcoming

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

September

Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous to Racine			Steinhaus
6	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
10	Rib Fest	4:30-8pm	Ilk Brothers
19	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
23	Fish Fry	5:30-8:30pm	Fish

October

3	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
7	Hors d'oeuvre Night w/Live Music	6:00pm	Club
17	General Membership Meeting And Election of Officers	7:00pm	Club
29	Halloween Party W/Music	7:00pm	Lucht

Just A Few Reminders:

- *Packer Game Sponsors are needed. Check out the Club bulletin board for available dates and times.
- *Calling all our **Sheepshead players**, join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm for a fun game of skill.
- *If you are interested in helping organize children's activities or would like to be a part of this committee, give Linda Daly a call @ 414-766-1633.
- *We are always looking for new ideas for events and activities. If you have any ideas or would like to sponsor an event give me a call! Thank you!!!

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

Celebrators

Happy Birthday!

Mona Jacobi 10/3	Joanne Barrett 10/20
Tom Baughman 10/4	Jeff Janda 10/20
Juan Carrasco 10/4	Tara Rosa 10/20
Nick Schmidt 10/5	Bill Saxler 10/20
Don Turcotte 10/6	Sharon Kempowski 10/22
Sheryl Hurula 10/8	Kathy Ilk 10/22
Wanda Kosmalski 10/8	Tom Petersen 10/23
Dottie Minch 10/8	Kandis Hock 10/25
Charles Lelinski 10/11	Pat Hofrichter 10/26
Mike J. Gengler 10/12	Adam Miller 10/26
Fred Bohman 10/14	Tammy Behling 10/28
Donna Conant 10/15	Diane Gouthro 10/28
Jim Schlichting 10/17	Mickey Nowak 10/28
Scott Wisniewski 10/17	Bennett Andrew 10/30
Ryan Bachmann 10/18	Chad Elenbaum 10/30
John Erickson 10/18	Barbara Ihrcke 10/30
Shari Hocking 10/18	Jenny Meyer 10/31
Moe Landry 10/19	

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Bobbi Sandretto 10/2	George & Pat Slominski 10/23
Aaron & Loree Raap 10/3	Ralph & Cindy Bagneski 10/26
Tom & Deb Baughman 10/4	Rick & Mary Klamrowski 10/28
Art & Darlene Marasco 10/5	Fred & Michele Barclay 10/31
John & Dawn Simons 10/5	
Ron & Deanne Ilk 10/9	
Jeffrey & Heather Holmes 10/11	
Bob & Pam Spenner 10/12	
Matt & Stacey Schwalbach 10/13	
Bob & Tina Jepsen 10/15	
Steve & Debbie Steinhaus 10/18	

If you don't see your birthday here, please email

smycmembership@gmail.com

Membership Update

In addition to being fun, our special events have attracted some new members.

***Mark and Cami Keishian**, who own Muskie's Gourmet House joined during our Open House/Pig Roast as Associate members.

***Brett Boehm** saw the Pig Roast banner at the top of the hill. He keeps his boat at Green Bay Yacht Club, but is here during the middle of the week working in Cudahy and wanted to be part of the Yacht Club scene down here as an Associate member.

***Skip Schmidt** and his partner, **Kathie Lutz**, saw the Pig Roast poster at TCF Bank and came down to check things out and signed up as Associate members right away.

***Bob Houck** recently relocated to South Milwaukee from Florida and first came to SMYC for Steak Night. He enjoyed the food and is looking forward to our other events as an Associate member.

***Marc and Felicia Neldner**, friends of **Josh & Lisa Haase**, played a large role in the SMYC Car Show earlier this summer and now have decided to join as Associates.

*As well as special events, our neighborliness is recognized as well. **David Meyer** and his partner, **Jennifer Danner**, were towed into SMYC while in distress. They then signed up as Associate members.

***Renee**, SMYC's long-time bartender, is always on the look-out for new members. **Dennis McCarthy** joined as an Associate after **Renee** told him about the many benefits of being a member. Thank you **Renee**.

***Steve and Joanne St. Louis** have boating friends elsewhere, but don't live too far from SMYC and decided to make this their new hang-out as Associate members.

***Patty Corbett and Jeremy Brigham** are new to the area and were taken in hand by our other new members to the area, **Fred & Michele Barclay**. Patty & Jeremy have visited a couple of times and finally decided to take the leap as Associate members.

***Robert Clark** and his wife, **Nancy McLaughlin**, live nearby. Their children are older and they decided to get out and enjoy themselves closer to the water as Associate members.

***Kyle Nichols** and his wife, **Kristen**, have been fishing here before. They joined as Associate members.

***Dennis Anich** has been fishing several times w/ **Jay Behling**. He and his fishing partner, **George Krudop**, joined as Regular members with their newly purchased Bayliner Trophy.

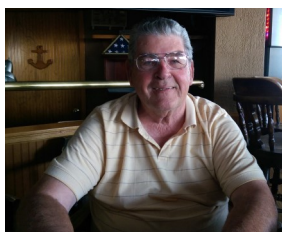
***Perry & Jill Collaer** live in Oak Creek. Their previous boat was quite a bit smaller and they now have a "new to them" 39' Sea Ray which we will hopefully have room for in our harbor in the spring. When you get a chance, ask them about the name of their boat and why they're changing it. **Perry & Jill** will be bringing the boat up from Kenosha in the fall for winter storage.

***Matt and Crystal-Lee Ring** have been guests of **Tom & Deb Schulz** several times. Matt is also a relative through their daughter-in-law, **Teresa**. **Matt** recently purchased a Wellcraft (wonder who talked him into that brand?) and is hoping that we find room for him in the spring.

***Don Turcotte** and his first mate, **Hollie Brandt**, who have been associate members plan on getting married in one year, but before they take that plunge, they decided to sign up for another. They purchased **Al Peterson's** boat, *Tranquility*. Don has been seen taking lessons from **Al** and his son, **Brad**. **Don & Hollie** are also hoping that we find room for their vessel in the spring.

***I may only be a committee of one, but the many smiles and welcomes that greet visitors when they come down the hill is one of the best marketing tools I could hope for. Keep up the good work everyone and thank you. ***

-KiKi



Dennis Anich



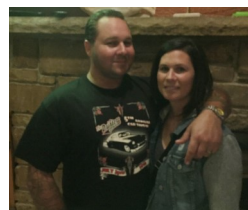
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Important Boat Captain Information

You may have heard about a GBYC members recent incident while swimming at anchor in Egg Harbor. He has some important thoughts for all of us to consider as we head out to enjoy the water.

What I learned last week.

I had the fortune to be in a life and death situation last week which came out fine but were moments and inches away from being a different story with possibly someone else writing it.

I won't go into details on my example but the short story is I jumped onto an air mattress with the expectation of gracefully gliding across the water. My head hit first and I ruptured the cervical disc between my C5 and C6 vertebrae. This compressed my spinal cord and I went limp and numb in 6 feet of water. That's the area of the spine that controls your upper extremities. As stated all is good now due to some dumb luck, a clear thinking wife and 15 year old son. Not to mention a good neurosurgeon.

You are the captain and responsible for everything. PERIOD! No But I's, or Yeah But's or I was gonna and any other excuse that sounds convenient. Everyone who boards your vessel is your responsibility including yourself. I considered myself a good, safe captain until last week but I never considered the possibility that I would be the one who needed the help. I've redefined my role now to include preparing the crew if I'm out of commission. Redundancy is everything.

Do your drills. Anything can happen, at any time, in any environment. Be as prepared as possible. We all have the USCG approved PFD'd. We will all pass the inspection and I know where everything is when it is needed. My crew, on the other hand, didn't know there was a life ring in the aft anchor locker on a hook ready to use, feet from where my wife was standing when I went in the water. All of the best equipment is useless in the hands of someone who either doesn't know how to use it or in my case and worse yet didn't even know it was there.

I've spent more time showing how to cast a dock line and tie to a cleat than being prepared for an actual emergency. Take the time to show everyone where your safety items are and how to use them. (Man that sounds so basic I am just embarrassed that I'm writing it down.) I think back to all of the time we spend on the boat that I never even spoke to them about it. What was I thinking?

Train one or more of your crew to run the boat. I'm not talking about technical docking maneuvers but a basic understanding of the maneuvers and how the boat reacts to input. Start with the ability to point it in the right direction and to wedge it in the hole when the need arises. That's where I will start and we can progress from there. Every third time we run, we will wait for a bridge to open. I'll get there early and have a crewman with me to run the controls. I was lucky to have remained conscious and able to run the boat.

Marine nomenclature If you use port and starboard to define the side of the boat you are referring to make sure the people you say it to understand what it means.

Keep a clear head. This is easier said than done but emotion and frantic activity serve as confusion. I'm lucky to have married a woman who is very stable emotionally. She spoke clearly with instructions to my son. Our 15 year old son is similar. He's been in a few situations where clear thinking is needed and he focuses on the task at hand. Everyone reacts differently but I kept calm and focused on my immediate needs. Very proud to know that when the chips are down how people will react.

File a float plan. Our marina will give me a discount on fuel if I leave the slip overnight so they can resell it for that night. They make it easy for me to let them know where I was going and when I would be back. My marina manager is very accessible and answered the call when we were on the way back. He and other dock mates were waiting for me. Jason boarded the boat and brought it home. Have a relationship with your dock mates that include sharing contact info. You never know when you or they will need anything.

Know your position. Although I look at the position via GPS regularly and somewhat understand the meanings of the Long and Lat numbers. Most people would see this as just a clump of letters and numbers. The priority is to know where to find them. The person on the receiving end will know what they mean and what to do with them. I will show my crew where to find our exact position and how to read back the numbers.

VHF Radio. Why is there a single button that when pushed goes directly to channel 16? This is the emergency hailing channel and should be used when contacting the USCG.

The community of boating What an incredible hobby we have and share with like minded people. The support I've received since this has happened is a true testament to the quality of people involved in boating and the personal friendships I have made over the years of doing it. One of the gentlemen standing at the dock waiting to catch a line, I met that morning. Reciprocate and pay forward, kindness to our fellow boaters, Yachtsmen, and Mariners. Life is good! Enjoy the holiday weekend safely.