



South Milwaukee Yacht Club



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High Tide

February 2015

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Photo of the Month



Commodore John Groth poses with South Milwaukee Mayor Erik Brooks during the 2015 Installation of Officers

2015 OFFICERS



COMMODORE
John Groth



VICE COMMODORE
Dan Moshinski



REAR COMMODORE
Tom Hoffa



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
Seth Yust



TREASURER
Betsy Reifschneider

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Mary Karwacki



FLEET CAPTAIN
Bryan Gahan

BOARD MEMBERS

Bryan Gahan
Michael Cieczka
Rick Klamrowski
Karen Kilman
Mike Strzok
Randy Kempowski

2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

HOUSE AND BAR

Tony Karwacki (Bar Manager)
Linda Daly (House/Hall Manager)

CRUISE

Open

ENTERTAINMENT

Cheryl Rybka

FINANCE

Mike Gengler

FLEET CAPTAIN

Bryan Gahan

GAS

Jon Haag

GROUND

"Fish"

HARBOR & DOCKS

Randy Kempowski

HEALTH & WELFARE

Debbie Smith

HOUSE MAINTENANCE

Gary Gale

JUNIOR ADVISOR

Barb Nowak

L.M.Y.A.

Linda Daly

MANPOWER

Mike Cieczka

MARKETING

Open

MEMBERSHIP

Karen Kilman

PLANNING

Kyle Brunk

AUDIT

Kyle Brunk

LAUNCH AND HAUL OUT

Bob Smith

RULES AND BYLAWS

TBD

Commodore's Comments



So, we thought that we were going to skate this winter without much snow. Well Mother Nature let us know who the boss is. Fifteen inches of snow in two days, it might not be a record but it is enough for me and the final blow to the mid section was that the ground hog saw his shadow, really six more weeks of winter.

Our club officer and board installation dinner was held January 24th. If you missed it, do not miss next years! My great appreciation to **Cheryl Rybka** and **Mary Jo Haag** for an outstanding evening. The club was still decorated with Christmas decorations and the hall table decorations really "popped" this year. I think our club's atmosphere is the best of all the surrounding clubs. It really had the feel of elegance. The food was second to none. Thank you to **Jerry Kotarek** and his crew for their service and the eye popping prime rib, orange roughy and chicken cordon blu.

Congratulations' to our 2015 Officers and Board, Vice Commodore **Dan Moshinski**, Rear Commodore **Tom Hoffa**, Treasurer **Betsy Reifschneider**, Financial Secretary **Mary Karwacki** and Recording Secretary **Seth Yust**. Board Members **Bryan Gahan**, **Mike Strzok**, **Karen Kilman**, **Rick Klamrowski**, **Mike Cieczka** and **Randy Kempowski**.

Congratulations our 2014 member of the year **Mike Trock**. Mike is a real asset to our club and his efforts are honored by this award. So if you see **Mike** say "thank you and congratulations.

Karen Kilman has been made our South Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce representative. She will be our face to the rest of the business in our area.

Saturday March 7th is our annual pier bidding. There are some newly opened piers with the sale of some long time members' boats. We also have several new members with boats, "rookies". The bidding should be "fast and furious". So come down to the club and join the action. Boaters make sure you have your insurance declarations into our Fleet Captain. We could use sponsor for the event. If you are interested contact **Cheryl Rybka**. It starts at noon.

The water level is up and gas is "cheap", so it will be a very busy boating season. There are several trips planned by members, **Ann** and **I** are planning a crossing in July and several 1st Friday's to Racine this year.

Think spring and see you at the club.

John Groth Commodore

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Condolences

Condolences from the entire SMYC family go out to the family of long time SMYC member **Dean Schultz**.

Reminder: Harbor Use Fee

Harbor use Fees are due 2/21. In order to bid on a pier at pier bidding your payment must be processed by that time.

LMYA Report

The last LMYA meeting of 2014 was the annual general meeting on November 29. This was a lively meeting covering many topics. One issue discussed was the lowering of LMYA member dues and a new member discount. Nothing was decided on this yet. Another issue was the possibility of adding more information on the LMYA web site but that we need to keep printed and mailed information such as the Blue Book, cruise cards, and quarterly newsletter for members who preferred it. One suggestion was to create an online discount for members who agreed to receive Blue Book information online only. Also, it was thought that to attract more "30 something" members, we have to invest in newer technology. A member recruitment pamphlet is being worked on to promote the advantages of LMYA membership. These advantages are boater information flow from the nation on down, news of yacht clubs around the lake, and political advocacy for recreational boaters on all levels.

There has been a movement within the LMYA to reactivate the Milwaukee Harbor Safety Commission which has been inactive for several years. It consisted of public safety organizations like the Coast Guard, the DNR, and Milwaukee Police department as well as recreational boating groups such as yacht clubs and the LMYA. One of its successes was the no wake rule for fireworks display nights. Hopefully there will be enough interest by these organizations to reactivate the commission since it could be an effective force on local safety and environmental issues.

The LMYA was active in getting the docking facility at Lake Park and continues to press for improvements there such as bathrooms and showers. The facility is underutilized but there is no money at this point for a new building. There is an effort to try to solicit privately raised donations for a building.

Next year's LMYA meetings will be on April 11, September 19, and November 14. As always, all LMYA members and delegates are invited to these meetings. Because of an effort to bring more delegates out, we have had a small increase in delegate attendance. But still only a few clubs are represented at the meetings. We would love to see greater attendance as that would increase the voice of boaters in the work of the LMYA. There is a March 1 deadline for comments or articles for the next newsletter. If SMYC members have any thoughts or ideas that they would like to see brought to the attention of the LMYA, please let me know because **Jim and I** do attend all the meetings.

Thank you,
Linda Daly (and Jim Rothschadl)



SMYC Events Upcoming

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

February

2	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
6	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
14	Valentine's Day		
16	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
28	Port Washington Bus Trip-Sign up at the Club Space is Limited!		Steinhaus/Kilman

March

2	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
6	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
7	Pier Bidding	Noon	Club
16	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
17	St. Pat's Day	Sponsor Needed	

Just a Reminder:

* 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!

Kim Bruck 3/1
Joan Wolf 3/2
Kathy Manna 3/3
Don Robish 3/4
Dean Chapman 3/4
Monica Krueger 3/5
Jean DeBoer 3/8
Rick Blank 3/8
Meg Ciurlik 3/10
Cory Jurkiewicz 3/10
Tara Withington 3/12
Christine Cudnopsky 3/13
Jeffrey Holmes 3/13

Happy Birthday!

Gil Magolan 3/13
Ryan Rybka 3/13
LeRoy Ciombor 3/15
Ann Michaels 3/15
Tom Ciurlik 3/16
Michael Mecha 3/16
Kathy Wendling 3/17
Pat Schultz 3/18
Gary Gale 3/19
Joel Wieselmann 3/20
Craig Henrichs 3/24
Michael Gengler III 3/30
Paula Modlinski 3/31

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Meg Ciurlik 3/17
Mike & Roxanne Gengler 3/19
Charles & Carol Baltutis 3/27
Mike & Stephanie Strzok 3/31

***If you don't see your birthday
here, please email
appraiser.kilman@gmail.com***

SMYC

Winter Rendezvous To Port Washington

Saturday, February 28, 2015

11:00am—7:00pm

\$20 per person

Avoid the winter doldrums! Join us for a day in Port Washington!!!

Details: Bus Trip to Port Washington for all SMYCs and their guests. Poker Run will take place during the day with stops @ Schooner's Pub, Port Washington Yacht Club and several other establishments in the area. We only have room for 56 people — so sign up right away. Your \$20 covers the bus ride, munchies on the bus, and LOTS OF FUN!!! Alcohol is allowed on the bus, but no glass bottles.

Please arrive at SMYC by 11:00am. Bus will leave parking lot @ 11:30am. Departure from Port @ 7pm to return back to SMYC. This will give participants a chance to eat and enjoy the day in Port.

There is a sign-up sheet behind the bar at the Club. Payment is required when signing up.

If you have any questions, please contact Katy Steinhaus @ 414.588.1101 or Kiki Kilman @ 414.418.5971.

Membership Update

Michael & Patty Oren submitted an Associate Member application in early January. Many SMYCs might be familiar with **Mike and Patti** as they used to own Slick Willie's in South Milwaukee. They will soon be opening another restaurant on Milwaukee Ave – so stay tuned.

Jeffery & Colleen Hansen submitted their Associate Membership application mid-January. **Jeff and Colleen** stay busy with their business Community Projects for Seniors. They are also some of the key organizers in a major golf outing this summer at Grant Park and plan to host the after party at our Club. This is great way to introduce the Club to people who might not have known about us before. Thanks **Jeff and Colleen**.

Rick & Julie Ellis also submitted their Associate Membership application mid-January. **Rick** states he's known about SMYC almost his whole life. Their kids are grown and they now have more time to enjoy some of the nicer things South Milwaukee has to offer.

Matthew & Stacey Schwalbach submitted their application for Full Family Membership early this month. They're no strangers to SMYC. **Matt & Stacey** have been here for several of our parties – most recently the Trim-a-Tree party where their ornament placed in the Top 3. They recently acquired Jerry Kotarek's smaller boat, Family Circus and are good friends with **Katy Steinhaus and Tony Santos**.



Installation Pics



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2015 SMYC Pier Bidding Saturday March 7th at Noon



2015 Pier Bidding will be held on Saturday March 7th, starting at noon.

Come on down to the club for lunch and find out where everyone's summer homes will be parked for the 2015 boating season

