



# South Milwaukee Yacht Club

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## High Tide

May 2015

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### Photo of the Month



As boats splash summer traditions start anew as Tom Hoffa relaxes in front of his boat safely docked at it's summer slip

## 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

Mickey Nowak (Bar Manager)  
Mary Jo Haag (House/Hall Manager)

#### CRUISE

Open

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Cheryl Rybka

#### FINANCE

Mike Gengler

#### FLEET CAPTAIN

Bryan Gahan

#### GAS

Jon Haag

#### GROUNDS

"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



the harbor.

Spring has sprung, grass is green, and the flowers are starting to bloom. A boater's fancy turns to splashing the boat. The harbor is looking as it should, boats are occupying their slips. Everyone has been busy getting their boats ready for launching. The club's yard has been a beehive of activity. We have shaken off our winter coats and are ready for cruising. With cheap gas and plenty of water, the season looks to be exciting. There have been several boat ownership changes, so you may need to do a double take when looking around

Our membership committee (**Karen "Kiki" Kilman**) has reached their target of 10 new regular members in the month of April. Congratulate **Kiki** for an outstanding effort. Our club needs new members to add new ideas and energy to make the club's engine run.

We have had infrastructure improvements this spring. We now have a new road surface on the North and East wall. It even has a "high banked" turn. There has been some concrete replacement in front of **Bryan Gahan's** slip. A big thank you goes out to **Josh Haase** for his help with the road and cement work. **Tom Hoffa** coordinated the work with the removal of material and the laying of the stone by Sievert. **Ryan Schmid** and **Sam Krueger** are working to get the Wi-Fi up and running for use by the boats in the harbor.

On the entertainment front, we are going to have at least 2 awesome events this month. The first is "Get your Liver ready for Summer" sponsored by the **Nowak's** on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The other event is "SMYC de Mayo" on May 29<sup>th</sup>. "Be there or be square" for both events. These gatherings are what make our club a special place to belong. Look for details around the club and in your email inbox. Thank you to **Amber** and **Dan Zweck** for their help with the Easter party back in March.

After your boat is launched please take time to look around your area and pick up and dispose of the trash. Your frame work from your cover should go home with you. If you are able, please take your jack stands home. If you do not have space, please place them on a pallet securely for storage.

**Linda Daly** has stepped down as House Manager. Thank **Linda** for her efforts this past year. She stepped up when our club needed it. **Mary Jo Haag** has taken over the position. Welcome her back aboard.

All of our committees are always looking for new members. If you are interested, please look at the side panel on the second page of this newsletter to contact the committee chairperson to express your interest.

See you down at the club or on the water.

**John Groth Commodore**  
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## S.M.Y.C. de Mayo Friday, May 29, 2015

DINNER TO BE SERVED: 6:30-7:30PM  
TICKETS \$12 AT THE DOOR  
*First-come, first-served.*



Authentic Mexican dinner:  
slow roasted pork made Yucatan  
style and Chorizo stuffed  
poblano peppers, corn chips with  
homemade salsa and guacamole.  
If you have them, wear  
your favorite sombrero or poncho.



Bartenders will be serving margaritas, mojitos,  
cerveza, and lots of tequila!

LIVE MUSIC BY THE JACKIE BROWN BAND  
FROM 8:00-11:00PM Music only = \$5

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## Get Your Liver Ready For Summer

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015, 7pm

Discounted Drink Specials

**\$2 Domestic cans of beer, \$3 Margarita's , \$4  
Pitchers of Beer & .25 cents off all drinks** (excludes top shelf)

Once again it's time to get ready for the short Wisconsin summer. Join us at the club on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring an Hors d'oeuvre, dessert, any dish to share. Catch up with old friends and meet some of our new members. Hopefully there will be plenty of boats in the harbor by then. There is also the possibility of live music, more on that later.

Live Music by Xeno, Door Prizes, Raffles (which include liquor basket, boating basket) 50/50 Raffle, and more! Hope to see you there!! Barb & Mickey Nowak

## New Member Breakfast June 28th 9am-11am

Noticing some New Faces  
around the Club??

Join us on June 28<sup>th</sup> for an Eat  
and Greet. Meet the new  
members as they serve you  
breakfast. Eggs, pancakes,  
bacon, sausage, and pastries  
will be on the menu.

\*There will be an informational meeting for new members participating in the breakfast on  
05/26/2015 at 7pm to go over the details for this event.

QUESTIONS??

Contact Katy Steinhaus 414-588-1101 or [ksteinhaus09@yahoo.com](mailto:ksteinhaus09@yahoo.com)



## SMYC Events Upcoming

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

### May

1	Last Hors d'oeuvre Night until Oct.	6:00pm	Club
4	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
10	Happy Mother's Day!!!		
15-17	Fishing Contest	All Weekend	Moshinski
18	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
23	Get Your Liver Ready for Summer Party Door Prizes, Raffles, Drink Specials, and Music	7:00pm	Nowak
24	Memorial Day		
29	SMYC de Mayo w/ Food and Live Music	6:00pm	Kilman/Cieczka

### June

1	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
12-14	Spring Rendezvous- Destination TBD		Steinhaus
15	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club
20	Fishing Contest	TBD	Moshinski
21	Blessing of the Fleet	1:00pm	Nowak
27	Brewers Game w/ Bus and Tailgating	10:00am	Zweck
28	New Member Breakfast	9am-11am	Steinhaus

### Just A Few Reminders:

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Deadline for Signing Up for the Bus/Brewers Game on June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

\* 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](mailto:rybkaC@yahoo.com)

## Bowling Event Photos



# Membership Update

It's been another busy month for Membership. Applicants have their pictures and applications posted on the bulletin board @ the Club. Please make them feel welcome.

**Chuck Wolter** and his wife Judy are new Associate Members. **Chuck** and his boom truck have been a big help to us. Thank you **Chuck**. **Judy** is also sister to **Jerry Kotarak and Jill Gestwicki**. **Chuck & Judy** were here for **Jill's** surprise birthday party on 4/10 & dressed in 70s regalia. Love the glasses Judy!



**Justin Zblewski** signed up on 4/11 as a Full Member. He and his partner, **Kimberly**, have an 18 month old son, **Alec**. Justin has already been busy at the Club working on his hours requirement and plans on enjoying many hours this summer on his 24' SeaRay.

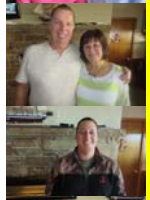
**Troy Schuls**, good friend of **Bryan Gahan**, is a familiar face to many of us here at the Club and decided to make it official by signing up on 4/11 as an Associate Member.

**Bob & Tina Jepsen** signed up as Full Members on 4/12 along with their two sons, **Alex 8 & Josh 4**. They and their boys are looking forward to spending their summer at SMYC on their 27' SeaRay.



**Tom Gerhardt** and his wife, **Sandie**, are friends of **Rick & Julie Ellis**. They've been down to the Club a few times with **Rick & Julie** and on 4/12 decided to sign up as Associate Members too!

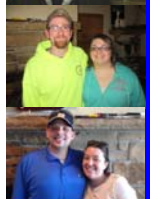
**Bryan Ekstowicz**, friend of **Bryan Gahan**, filled out his Associate Membership Application on 4/15 and is the latest hero of our Club's fishermen. With his assistance, we now have a new grinder in our fish cleaning station.



**Jim Kraus** and wife, **Emily Trigg**, submitted their Full Membership Application on 4/19. **Jim & Emily** are new to boating and happy to hear that there will be plenty of volunteers to help with their new adventure on their 27' Cruisers.

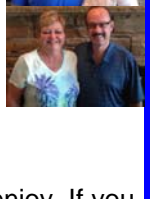


**Janet Hoppe**, **Jim Kraus'** mother, also joined on 4/19 as an Associate Member. She's relocating for a time from Michigan to help **Jim & Emily** with their 5 month old son.



It seems **Dan & Amber Zweck** can't get enough of SMYC. They became our 10<sup>th</sup> new Regular Member sign-up on 4/20 during our 2015 membership drive, transferring their Associate Membership status. They don't currently have a boat and Amber would like to keep it that way for a while, but Dan can't help looking. ;)

**Justin Hans** and his wife, **Paige**, have recently relocated from Michigan and found us on the internet. They made their Associate Membership Application on 5/02.



**Fred & Michele Barclay** also recently moved from the mitten state and submitted their Associate Membership Application on 5/02. Both **Fred & Justin** work for Schlossman's Honda City. Both couples have been seen here since they signed up enjoying the spring weather.

A reminder: If you haven't done so already, please pick up your SMYC Membership cards. They are ready and located behind the bar. New member's cards will be processed about a month after their receipt of confirmation as new members.

Another Reminder: Please "like" us on FaceBook. Updates and pictures are posted there for you to enjoy. If you have pictures you'd like posted, please email them to me.

A Plea: With the addition of many new faces, we have many new members with young families. I am currently working on updating our toy/activities supply for the young ones at the Club. Before you get rid of a toy or game in good condition, please consider donating it to SMYC. Items such as: Plastic baseball bat, whiffle balls, bases; Sand toys: shovels, rakes, buckets; bean bag toss; badminton; sidewalk chalk; water guns; sprinkler or misters; slip n slide; fold-up ping pong table; monopoly, battleship, candy land; and nylon kites are a few ideas. As always, if you have any questions about your SMYC membership, please contact me @ [bounty-hunter3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bounty-hunter3@sbcglobal.net) with subject heading of "SMYC Inquiry." If I can't help you out or don't know the answer, I will point you in the right direction.

-KiKi



Have something you would like included in the newsletter?? E-mail all newsletter submissions to [smychightide@gmail.com](mailto:smychightide@gmail.com)



# Spring Prep Underway!



## SMYC + Brewers = Fun!



**Saturday, June 27**

Meet @ Club 10am. Game @ 1pm.

Cost is \$35 per person. Includes ticket, bus, main food course for tailgate party. Bring your own chairs, beverage & food item to pass for tailgate. Sign up is @ SMYC bar. Payment is due when you sign up. Limited availability -- sign-up deadline is May 22nd.

We hope to see everyone there to help us cheer on the Brew Crew. It's gonna be a lot of fun! — Dan & Amber Zweck



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## SMYC BLESSING OF THE FLEET 2015



**Sunday June 21, 2015**

**Church Service at 1pm**

Father Tim Kitzke Officiating, Jill Gestwicki Musical Coordinator

**Flag Raising Ceremony immediately after services, followed by  
Blessing of The SMYC Fleet.**

**Lunch will be served following the Blessing.**

**Lunch Menu \$12.00**

**Grilled chicken breast, twice baked Parmesan potato, salads, fresh bread and a large  
assortment of home made desserts.**