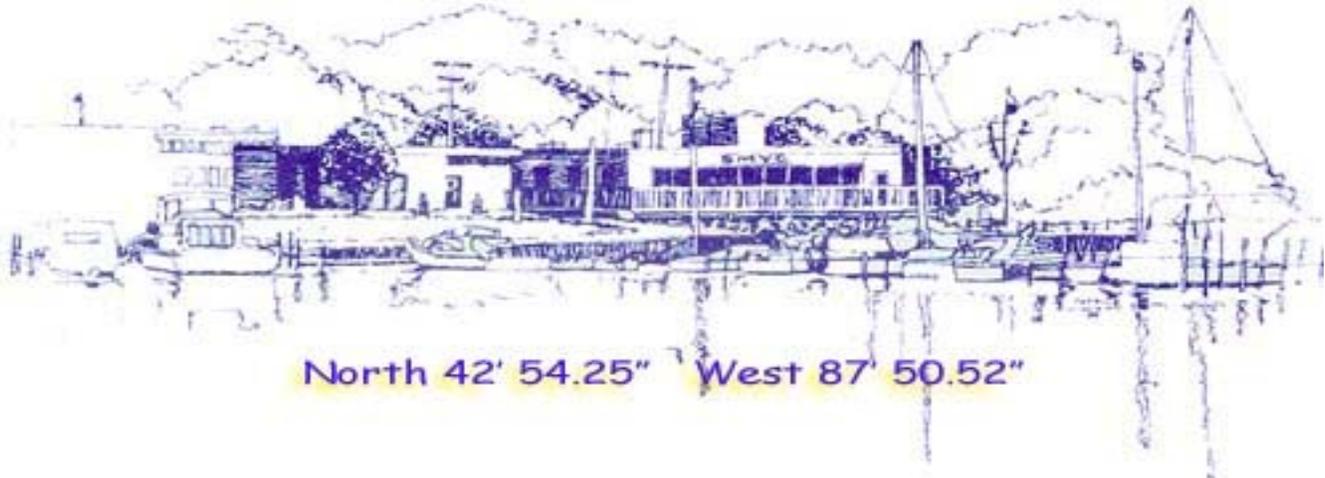




# South Milwaukee Yacht Club



101 Marshall Avenue  
South Milwaukee, WI 53172



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## *High Tide*

**January 2014**

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### **Photo of the Month**



SMYC Ladies celebrate the holidays at their annual Lady's Christmas party in December

## 2014 OFFICERS



**COMMODORE**  
John Groth



**VICE COMMODORE**  
Jan Ruggles



**REAR COMMODORE**  
Dan Moshinski



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Bryan Gahan



**TREASURER**  
Betsy Reifschneider

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
Mary Karwacki



**FLEET CAPTAIN**  
Open

### BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Hoffa  
Michael Cieczka  
Rick Klamrowski  
Karen Kilman  
Mike Strzok  
Randy Kempowski

### 2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### HOUSE AND BAR

Bill Wheatley (Bar Manager)  
Linda Daly (House/Hall Manager)

#### CRUISE

TBD

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Cheryl Rybka

#### FINANCE

Mike Gengler

#### FLEET CAPTAIN

Open

#### 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

Patti Cardarelle

#### MEMBERSHIP

Paula Modlinski

#### PLANNING

Kyle Brunk

#### AUDIT

Kyle Brunk

#### LAUNCH AND HAUL OUT

Bob Smith

#### RULES AND BYLAWS

TBD

# Commodore's Comments

What a winter so far, a real change from our previous winters and there has been a change in the club's board. We have a new **Commodore, John Groth**, a new **Rear Commodore, Dan Moshinski**, a new **Recording Secretary, Bryan Gahan**, a new **Treasurer, Betsy Reifschneider** along with 2 new board members at large **Tom Hoffa** and **Karen Kilman "Kiki"**.

I want to thank the out going regime, **Jon Haag** who has captained SMYC for these past 3 years, what a fantastic job and **Bill Wheatley** who served the club admirably. Thanks to **Mike Strzok** for being fleet captain these past 3 years, "great job **Mike**".

Who is this **John Groth** or as some have known me "**Red Boat John**". It all starts back on a cold freezing Christmas Eve way back in 2007, yes way back in 2007. A severe cold front had passed the previous night and blew apart my boat shelter. A panicked boat owner flipping through the yellow pages for someone to shrink wrap the boat, whose name came up, **Tom Peterson**. I called and asked if he could shrink wrap the boat, they said yes and then the big question "Today?" yes again was answered, fantastic. Fate was moving me forward, during the process of shrink wrapping, Tom and I talk about where I was going to slip the boat and I answered McKinley and he said "really" and that I should look into South Milwaukee Yacht, you know they have cheap beer prices. So here we are, the red boat is gone after 4 years, the result of a case of bigger boat envy, thanks to **Jon** and **Mary Jo Haag** for getting their first boat.

This year 2014, I think will be fun. We have a great membership who steps up when needed. We have the tools to run the club, our launch and haul out process has never been smoother and wasn't that hydro dredge, the perfect answer to our needs. So as with any organization we can not become complacent with what we have, we need to look forward, define and refine what we have and address our goals to grow the club. One of the first things that we need is a **Fleet Captain**; it will be hard to have pier bidding and launching of boats without one. It is just 129 days to the launching of boats and 58 days to pier bidding. We also need to refloat or invigorate the standing committees, **House Maintenance, House and Bar, Grounds, and Harbors and Docks**. This is a member driven club, members need to step up and fill committees' positions, and there are plenty of work hours available. Either the direction of the club can come from the members through the committees or the board can dictate the direction, just saying.

I have some announcements, **Linda Daly** has taken over as club hall manager assisted by **Mary Jo Haag**. **Gary Gale** is staying on as **House Maintaince**, but he needs committee members. **Cheryl Rybka** is staying on as Entertainment Chair and **Bill Wheatley** will be continuing as bar manager.

Finally, **Annette** and I wish everyone and your families, a Happy New Year and see all of you at the Installation Dinner on January 18, 2014.

**John**

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# LMYA Report

The annual general meeting of the LMYA, with delegates from all three regions, was held at Hammond Yacht Club on November 9. HYC has become the preferred LMYA meeting location as it is the midpoint of all the LMYA regions, and for Jim and me, it is the next exit beyond the Skyway Bridge after coming through downtown Chicago. On arriving, it was sad to look out on a harbor now empty of boats. The last time Jim and I were there, the marina was full.

The effort to get more club delegates to LMYA meetings is starting to pay off as a few more attended this meeting. We hope this trend continues so that the work of the LMYA can be shared among people with new energy and ideas. The Commodore reported that half of the clubs have responded to a letter/postcard campaign to get more club delegates actively involved. Some clubs listing three to five delegates have been asked to designate one prime delegate. This delegate will receive *The Spreader* even if they are not individual sustaining LMYA members. Eighteen clubs have no delegates listed at all, so they will be contacted to see if a delegate can be appointed. And there are some clubs that shut down completely during the winter, which makes contact difficult.

One change in the financial area is that LMYA's financial advisor, Kent Huntoon, has left Wells Fargo but will continue to serve the LMYA. If LMYA had stayed with Wells Fargo, we would have been shunted to a pool of accounts for investments under \$100,000 that no longer have a designated financial advisor. Staying with Kent Huntoon will assure the LMYA's \$70,000 investment fund of continued personal attention.

On the digital front, the web site has been updated for easier access to membership applications and the site will be monitored more often. It has been difficult to keep the site up in the past couple of years due to illness of LMYA officers. Adding a social media page for the LMYA was suggested and someone will be working on that shortly with Facebook. A database of delegate contact information is also being developed.

New procedures for handling LMYA dues were discussed. It was decided that the year's grace period for unpaid dues will be eliminated. Two letters will be sent to a member to remind them of dues. If the member does not respond after the second letter, they will be dropped from membership.

One important item on the AGM agenda is the election of next year's officers. For the past three years, the slate has been the same. But this year we have new blood and renewed enthusiasm. The officers for 2014 will be Commodore: Scott Roberson of Starved Rock Yacht Club, Vice Commodore: Carrie Armstrong, Secretary/Treasurer: Fred Sanone, Judge Advocate: Thomas Dogan, and Past Commodore: James Mergener.

Reports from the three regions were given. Illinois reported that eight clubs participated in the Starved Rock Yacht Club's open house. Asian carp remain a major problem. The next issue of *The Spreader* should have information on four new boating laws in Illinois. Senate Bill 1805 concerns the display of an orange flag for a boat towing a skier or tube. Bill 1478 proposes a boat operator born after January 1, 1990 have a certificate for taking a boating safety course. Bill 1477 would suspend a car driver's license for three months for operating a water craft under the influence for a second time.

Michiana Region (Michigan and Indiana) reported that Eagle Point Yacht Club was active with parties and a pig roast. The club invites members of other yacht clubs to their August 11, 2014 party. A bill to provide dredging is in the works in Michigan.

Wisconsin Region awarded the Bill Michelson plaque to Virginia Sansone for her work on the Blue Book and work with the Venetian Festival in support of her husband, Fred, during his fifty years in the LMYA. The region also awarded a plaque to South Shore Yacht Club for its 100 year anniversary. A memorial pavilion is being established in Port Washington for people who have drowned in the lake. The LMYA passed a motion to donate a \$100 brick for this memorial. Anyone else interested in a brick can send email to [jimb127@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimb127@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

The next LMYA meeting will be March 29, 2014 at Hammond Yacht Club. If you have anything you want brought to the attention of the LMYA, please contact me.

**Linda Daly**

## SMYC Events Upcoming

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

### January

1	Rose Bowl Game	A Sponsor Is Needed	
3	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
5	Packer Playoff Game	3:40pm	Ciurlik
6	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
18	<b>Installation of Officers and Dinner</b>	5:30pm	Club
	<b>Dinner, Live Music And Dancing- This Year's Event Is At The Club</b>		
25	Port Washington Bus Trip- Sign up at the Club		Steinhaus/Kilman
	Space Is Limited		

### February

2	Super Bowl Game	6:00pm	Sponsor Needed
3	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
7	Hors d'oeuvre Night	6:00pm	Club
17	General Membership meeting	7:00pm	Club

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)

## Fleet Notice

Well it's a new year and that means it's time to get ready for the 2014 boating season. As I am writing this, there are only fifty five more days until pier bidding for the new season. Even more exciting, there are only fifteen weeks until we begin launching boats. I know it's a little early to be talking about this but I just want to remind everyone of the new rule that no matter what your launch date is, your boat needs to be ready for launch by May 1. So with all this being said, I attached the Harbor Use Form for the 2014 boating season. This form needs to be filled out and turned into me, with the Harbor Use Fee attached to it, by February 15. If it is turned in after that date you will not be able to participate in pier bidding. At the beginning of each month I have been posting, in the glass case, the members that need to update their boat insurance declarations which have expired. If the following members would please get their updated insurance declarations to me I would greatly appreciate it; I have been very lax when I should have been enforcing the \$25.00 fee for expired insurance declarations. As of March 1, 2014 that fee will be enforced at the first of each month, so please check the glass case each month to see when your insurance is due and make sure I receive an updated insurance declaration. I am looking forward to spending the 2014 boating season with you and thanks for all your cooperation, **Mike**.

## Celebrators

### **Happy Birthday!**

Cary Lechner 2/1  
Christine Peterson 2/1  
Mike Trock 2/1  
Tony Karwacki 2/5  
Linda Daly 2/6  
Ralph Michaels 2/6  
Sue Schlichting 2/7  
Katherine Wunsch 2/7  
Cathy Bruck 2/8  
John Hurula 2/8  
Marilyn Kotarak 2/8  
Neal Modlinski 2/8  
Joe Tarnowski 2/9

### **Happy Birthday!**

Tim Frederick 2/11  
JJ Reifschneider 2/12  
Mary Oudeans 2/13  
Don Green 2/14  
Kenny Sierszen 2/15  
Richard "Swiftly" Smukalla 2/19  
Shirley Tarnowski 2/19  
Sherburn Vogelsang 2/19  
Mike Gengler, Jr. 2/23  
Dave Schiel 2/23  
Bob Spenner 2/23  
Duane Kissling 2/24

### **Happy Anniversary!**

John & Teri Hoch 2/1  
Andy & Mitzi Cozad 2/14  
Al & Christine Peterson 2/22  
Jerry & Lois Kowalczewski 2/26  
Steve & Sharyn Hock 2/29

**If you don't see your birthday here, please email [wordart@rr.com](mailto:wordart@rr.com)**

### SOUTH MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB SLIP REGISTRATION

Please fill out and return no later than **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2014** to:

Fleet Captain  
**South Milwaukee Yacht Club**  
**101 Marshall Ave.**  
**South Milwaukee, WI 53172**

**Notice:** The \$463.37 Harbor Use Fee must accompany all slip registration requests or your form will not be accepted.

Members who use the Harbor facilities before the Annual Launch Day are required to pay all fees, including Harbor Use, Ramp Use and Summer Service, and turn in a **dated Certificate of Insurance if it has expired before you put your boat in the water**, to South Milwaukee Yacht Club in care of the Fleet Captain, before you may use the Harbor facilities.

**Please make an attempt to answer all information as accurately as possible because this information is used to update our roster books.**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name (Last, First, Middle):									
Address:			City:			Zip Code:			
Home Phone:			Cell Phone:						
Email Address:			Business Phone:						
Birthdate:									
Boat Name:			Mfg.:						
Length		Ft.	Beam		Ft.	Draft		Ft.	
State Registration #:			Call Name:						
								YES	NO
Will you be using the Launch ramp in 2014?									
Will you be using the SMYC Travel Lift in 2014?									
Are you requesting a slip assignment for 2014?									
Will you be storing on Club property for summer of 2014? How Many? Second Boat __ Jet Ski__ Raft __									
Are you currently assigned a slip?									
Is it a permanent __ or temporary __ assignment? The assignment has been continuous since _____									
Do you wish winter storage for 2014-2015?									
Will you store on a			Trailer? _____			Jack Stands? _____			
List your Marine Liability Insurance Carrier:									
Agent:			Policy No:			Exp. Date:			

Members who fail to return this form accurately and properly filled out and **accompanied by the Harbor Use Fee** will not be assigned a slip for the 2014 boating season. This may seem like a harsh penalty; however it is necessary to insure the timely management of the slips available.

**Please note:** Pier bidding day will be on Saturday, March 1st, 2014 at 12:00 noon and Launch Day will begin in May this year. Remember all fees for the summer must be paid by your Launch Day. This includes the trailerable boats also. All boats are to be insured while using South Milwaukee Yacht Club facilities (Harbor, Storage, Ramp, and Travel Lift). Submit a Certificate of Insurance to SMYC in care of the Fleet Captain before it expires during the boating season.

# Notice of late insurance forms

The following members have not turned in proof of insurance to Fleet Captain: **Michael Nowak, Joe Ussel, Richard Smukalla, John Groth, Charles Cottrill, Scott Wisniewski, Todd Sivak, Tim O'Neill, Steven Bowens, John Nowicki, Brent Mason, Steven Fivenson, Peter Russo, Andre Cozad, Thomas Hoffa, Kurt Egner, Daniel Moshinski, Jerry Kotarak, Thomas Petersen, Seth Yust, James Conti, Richard Klamrowski, and James Buss.**



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Tuesday Thru Saturday





# SMYC Winter Rendezvous To Port Washington

Saturday, January 25, 2014

11:30am—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 SMYCers 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 11:30am. Bus will leave parking lot @ 12pm. 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.

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## Notice to Membership

The 2014 Board of directors wishes to inform all General Membership that a proposal has been made to institute a Harbor Dredge Fund Fee of \$100 to be paid annually on August 1st by anyone filling out a Harbor Use Form. This Harbor Dredge Fund Fee would replace the Building Fund Fee. This proposal will be presented to Membership at the February General Membership meeting.

## South Milwaukee Yacht Club

101 Marshall Avenue

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# 2013 Installation of Officers January 18, 2013



The program will consist of

5:30—6:30 Cocktails Cash Bar  
6:30 Dinner and Installation of Officers  
8:00 Dance/music by The Roy Edwards  
Band



Seating limited to 100 people so make sure you sign up soon!!  
Your \$40.00 per person includes a drink, dinner and live music

**Questions should be directed to Cheryl Rybka or Mary Jo Haag.**