



# *South Milwaukee Yacht Club*



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## *High Tide*

**October 2019**

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## 2019 OFFICERS



**COMMODORE**  
Bryan Gahan



**VICE COMMODORE**  
Fred Barclay



**REAR COMMODORE**  
Ron Ilk



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Tina Jepson



**TREASURER**  
Mary Karwacki

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
Paige Hans



**FLEET CAPTAIN**  
TBD

### BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Billingsley  
Michael Cieczka  
Rick Klamrowski  
Paul Mozejewski  
Randy Kempowski  
Tom Ciurlik

### 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### BAR, HOUSE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Paul Mozejewski (Bar Manager)  
Cheryl Rybka (House/Hall Managers)  
Tara Billingsly

#### CRUISE

Michelle Barclay

#### FINANCE

TBD

#### FLEET CAPTAIN

TBD

#### GAS

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Randy Kempowski

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#### MANPOWER

Mike Cieczka

#### MARKETING

TBD

#### MEMBERSHIP

Kristen Nichols

#### PLANNING

Tom Schulz

#### AUDIT

TBD

#### LAUNCH AND HAUL OUT

Bob Smith

#### RULES AND BYLAWS

Bryan Gahan

# Commodore's Comments

Hello Everyone,

Unfortunately boating season has come to a close. I would like to thank all of the people who helped make the haul out successful. This year, the crew was able to place the entire fleet on the grounds without the use of the hydraulic lift trailer. Not only does this method save time, but makes for a safer haul out. Remember our current lift crew is hoping to wrap up their many years of service to the club. If you are interested in working on this crew in the future, please let me know.

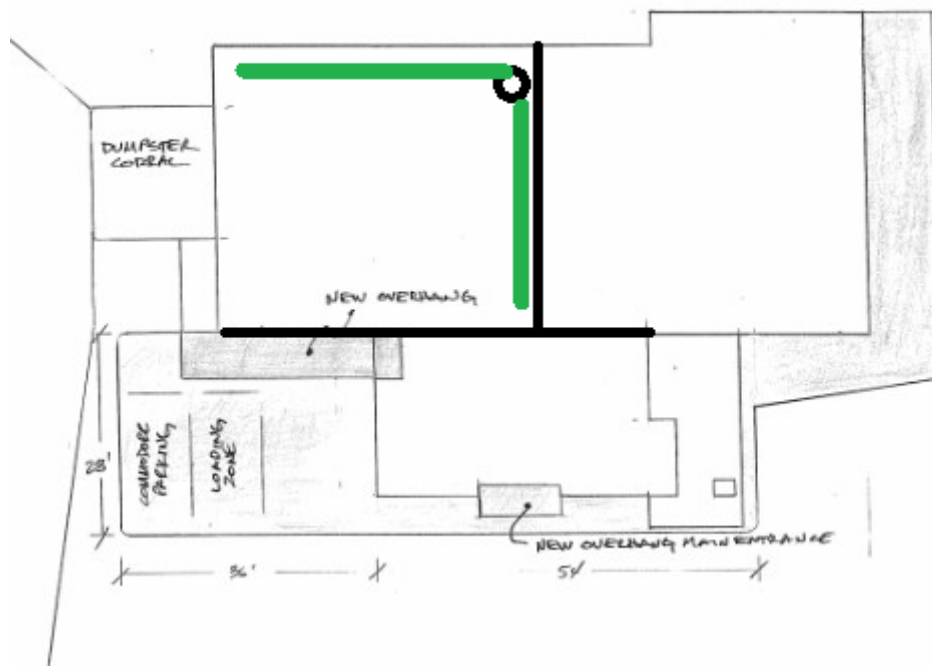
I would like to focus on the infrastructure of the club in this newsletter. The year 2020 will be the 70 years of the club and unfortunately some of the infrastructure is showing its age. Both the Planning committee and Finance committee have been hard at work trying to determine the best course of action to make the club sustainable for years to come.

**Repair to harbor Entrance** – “Without a harbor entrance we don’t have a yacht club” is the opening statement of many of our recent discussions on infrastructure. Since Early Spring, Randy Kempowski, our Harbor and Dock Chair, has been working on a solution to secure our harbor entrance. This is no small feat; it requires permitting and planning and has resulted in quotes upwards of \$800,000. In August the club was granted a maintenance permit from the Army Core of Engineers to stabilize the Barge. This resulted in Randy perusing some more options and has received a quote to install 300-400 ft of DZ85 steel sheet piling around the barge that would cost around \$200,000. The company that would be providing the service is willing to do the work this winter.



The planning committee met 10/16/19 and has moved this project to the top of the priority list contingent adequate financing option from the Finance committee and board. We would like to have some open discussion on the project at the 10/21 membership meeting.

**Improvement to the basement drain system-** As many of you know, with the rising water in the river system next to the club house, the basement floor has been damp all summer to say the least. This is becoming a growing concern and is the second item that we would like to address winter. The planning committee also approved a plan to add drain tile in the basement going to our existing crock. The plan would be to add a drain tiles leading to the existing sump on the Northern and Eastern sides of the basement. This should reduce the back pressure under the floor.



This project is estimated to not exceed \$10,000 and will be voted on at the 10/21 membership meeting.

**Repair to harbor Electrical update** – For the last several months we have been working with the Electrical Engineering Firm, Leedy & Petzold survey our existing electrical and to define a scope for future improvements. The scope is as follows.

**Power System Survey Check-List**

- Create one line diagram from main distribution to branch circuits for both services
- Verify voltage, ampacity, phase, and wire size for all feeders and branch wiring.
- Verify panel board sizes, types, and overcurrent protection.
- Verify all disconnect sizes, types, and fusing.
- Verify branch circuit wiring to boat power pedestals. Verify raceway and wire size and quantity, and termination.
- Locate all electrical distribution equipment on floor plan including branch terminations to boat power pedestals.
- Take load reading at a few boat power pedestals. Verify with SMYC what typical load per boat is. Turn on equipment in boat to simulate typical worst case condition.
- Verify how many boats are served from a boat power pedestal. One or two?
- Verify condition of equipment. Note age, physical appearance, anything rusted, not supported properly, etc....

**Project Scope:**

- Create layout of existing harbor power
- Perform load study on existing harbor electrical.
- Provide recommendations for upgrading the harbor electrical based on current and future needs.
- Create an electrical upgrade plan that can be sent out for bid.

The project is coming along nicely and they have had many insights. We are hoping for the project to be complete in time for next year's planning.

**Replacement of the lift station** – Lastly with the issue we have seen with the lift station many of you know that the board voted to replace the entire system. This system was past its operational life had has been prone to failure over the last few months. The good news is that the equipment for this project is expected to be in Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. Unfortunately the lift pumps are made to order and carried a 4-6 week lead time. The bad news is that no water will be available at the club during this install. That being said the Club House will be shut down for 1 to 2 days during this period. I would expect this shutdown to occur on a Tuesday and Wednesday sometime in the next 2-3 weeks.

With all the capital improvements listed here and a whole lot that we haven't even begin to talk about, I would like to remind everyone that these projects are an excellent time to work down those hours.

**Now the fun part, how do we pay for these improvements? –**

The club has several options here. Because of some good planning over the last several years, the club is carrying a larger balance than it has historically. That being said, unfortunately it is not enough money to finance our immediate needs and certainly not enough to finance the future needs such as the electrical upgrade. But, it is a very good start. Of the 4 items mentioned above 3 of them are either already paid for or will be approved entirely out of our holdings. The 4th item being the Barge. At this point the club is in a good place as we currently are debt free. So the options that the board has decided to pursue are as follows.

Take out a Business loan

Take out Member ship loans

Use all or a portion of our contingency fund.

Fred Barclay has been diligent in perusing a Business loan from several of our local banks. Unfortunately while we have tried to have everything in place by this meeting, things do take time and some of the meetings are scheduled latter in the week after the membership meeting.

Tom Ciurlik has also been hard at work entertaining Membership loans. If you have any interest in participating in a membership loan, please contact Tom.

At the end of the day these options will get us where we need to be for the immediate future but the questions is how to move forward with our long term planning. This is where some hard decisions had to be made. As a result please read the following:

Per recommendation of the Finance Committee (Ron Ilk & Tom Ciurlik) the SMYC Board of Directors has agreed to a fifteen (15%) raise in boating fees for the 2020 boating season. This will be discussed at the October Regular Membership meeting. Any questions prior to the meeting can be directed to Tom Ciurlik at [ciurlikt@att.net](mailto:ciurlikt@att.net)

I know that no one likes to see fee increases. Since I have been a member I do not remember ever having one, in fact we did remove a fee while I was a member. The board and the finance committee have had some discussion on assessments and other alternatives which I deem to be even worse. Tom spent a lot of time comparing our fees to other clubs in the area and while many may say we do not have as many amenities, we do pay less than half of most other clubs. We also do have some amenities that some of us may take for granted. Our fuel pricing is exceptional. We have our own dredging and travel lift equipment. Even the simple things, funny enough most clubs don't allow you to have a grill outside of your boat. At the end, this fee is relatively minor to each individual, but as a whole should provide the long term funding that is needed to do the necessary improvements going forward.

I have a whole lot more I would love to discuss but we should probably save it for another time.

Also remember, member of the year nominations are open until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take the time to put in a vote. Finally, Monday is our annual elections. Please come down if you are able.

See you at the club,

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## SMYC Events Upcoming

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

### September

TBD	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
7	Car Show- <b>Live Music and Food</b>	Noon-9pm	Neldner
3	Celebration of Life For John John	3:00pm	Club
16	General Membership Meeting	7:00pm	Club

### October

4	Hors d'oeuvre Night- <b>First of the season!!! Bring a Food Item To Share!!</b>	6:00pm	Club
6	Packer Game	3:25	Club
7	Board Meeting	6:30pm	Club
14	Packer Game	7:15pm	Club
19	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual <b>Spooktacular Halloween</b> <b>Party</b> W/Live Music	6:00pm	Lucht's
20	Packer Game	Noon	Club
21	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> <b>And Election of Officers</b>	7:00pm	Club
27	Packer Game	7:20pm	Club

### Just A Few Reminders:

Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm is Sheepshead and **Thursday's are taco nights**. There are still some Packer dates available. Take a look on the club bulletin board and join us for some food and fun!! Also, **Wednesday Trivia Game Nights are Returning!!** Check out the event screen for club information and fun facts to know and share!!

**\*We are always looking for new ideas for events and activities. If you need hours and have an idea why not sponsor an event? It's easy just give me a call!**

Entertainment Chairperson Cheryl Rybka.  
If you'd like to sponsor an event or have an idea,  
Please contact Cheryl at  
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## **SMYC Election of Officers and Annual Meeting**

October 21st at 7:00 PM

See Dan Moshinski of the nominating committee  
if you are interested in running for office.

Get involved!

