



# *South Milwaukee Yacht Club*



*101 Marshall Avenue  
South Milwaukee, WI 53172*



North 42' 54.25" West 87' 50.52"

## *High Tide*

**January 2020**

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Bryan Gahan



### VICE COMMODORE

Fred Barclay



### REAR COMMODORE

Gregg Rehak



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Paul Mozejewski



### FLEET CAPTAIN

Kyle Nichols

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TBD

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TBD

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TBD

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Bob Smith

#### RULES AND BYLAWS

Bryan Gahan

## Commodore's Comments

Hello, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Work, work, work, it continues everywhere around the club. The harbor entrance improvements seem to be moving ahead as planned. Financing for the project was approved late December and the work should start early February with the steel being delivered by month end. That being said, I do warn everyone ahead of time that the piling is going to be dropped were we can find space so parking may be a bit limited for a while.

The rising water levels have wreaked havoc on our infrastructure but with the quick thinking of one of our members, thank you Marc, we were able to get the piers out of the water and it looks like they will last the year. I would also like to thank Randy for fabricating the brackets as well as everyone involved with doing all the dirty work. Randy is also in the process of fabricating 2-foot extensions for the pilings so we can raise the entire "Gas" dock.

The other major project has been the basement. I'm happy to say that this project is winding down. I would like to thank Warren Kruse for decking the Commodores office. Matt and Crystal Ring for installing the new flooring and Don Turcotte for bleaching and cleaning. Lastly, I would like thank Doug Wandler for replacing the refrigeration system in the beer cooler. As many of us know, Cold beer is on the top of our list.

I would like to thank South Shore Yacht club for once again choosing to spend their new years day at the club. I was told that even though they were open for the first time in many years, that it is tradition and we should count on seeing them for years to come on this day.

Finally, it can't be all about the work. This year we are focused on having a large summer celebration the weekend of July 11<sup>th</sup>. The weekend will start Friday night with a shrimp boil and Jerry K for entertainment. The planning committee also has two bands planed for Saturday and The Simons will be putting on a hangover breakfast on Sunday. The local historical society is interested in participating as well as Mr. Brooks, our Mayor. Our goal is to celebrate the "70 years of boating history" of our club. We will have a lot more to come as the planning committee has been meeting regularly. If you would like to help, please contact Gregg Rehak, Joshua Haase or Paul Mozejewski. I here I will probably be sitting in a dunk tank for a while as well.

Again, we are a club and it is up to all of us to make it what we would like it to be.

See you at the club,

Bryan Gahan

SMYC

Commodore



### Crystal Ring

**Rolling out from under the desk in the Commodores office after her and Matt replaced the office floor**

## 1995 – The Year of the Shallow Water

If 2019 and 2020 are to be remembered as the years of the high water, then 1995 shall be remembered as the year of the low water. The water was actually 6 feet lower than it is today and our inner harbor of the yacht club was in dire need of dredging. The picture below will help you understand the problems members faced as they tried to navigate the harbor. The maximum depth was 5 – 6 feet deep at the end of the gas dock finger piers and the shallowest was 2.5 – 2.9 feet just as you entered the harbor from the channel behind piers 1A and 1B. This made it extremely difficult for members Doug and Wendy Sleight and Bruce and Kathy Wendling to get their sail boats off the south wall and out of the harbor.

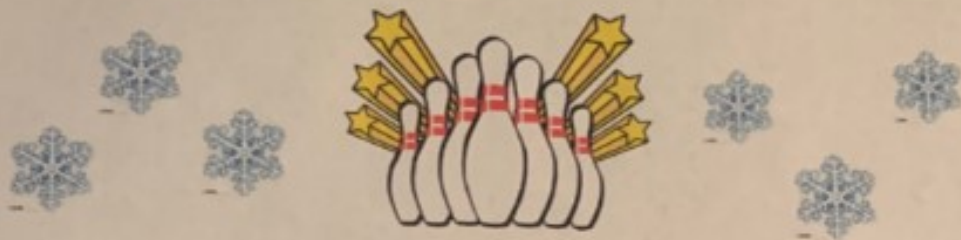


## 1995 – The Year of the Shallow Water– continued

That was just one of the problems that the commodore in 1995 had to face. Our 1995 commodore was Dan Krall.



Dan was an energetic entrepreneur who ran his own business by day and boated by night and weekend. For several years he made his home on the south wall on pier spot 1B. He and his family enjoyed taking friends out on the lake to the festivals and watching the fireworks from their boat, as well as travelling to other clubs for libation. He was a power boater but Dan never turned down an opportunity to sail. Dan developed trouble with his heart and ultimately had 3 heart transplants before he succumbed to a motorcycle accident at 5:18pm on Saturday, January 18, 2020 near his home in Naples, Florida. He was 73 years old. Dan will be remembered for his willingness to try something new and his contagious smile and love of life.



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