

Milwaukee Harbor Yacht Club
Fore & Aft

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Dedicated to Safe Boating

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS . . .

Ahhhh—the middle of summer! These are the lovely, clear and smooth water days we've been waiting for. Many of us have enjoyed wonderful fireworks from our boats, taken some familiar and new boating trips—all that we live for through those long winter days. Charlie is finally winding up his story log of the engine work on WM too. The effort has been well worth it. Send a review of highlights of your boating summer to Mary Ann—we always enjoy hearing of everyone's experiences.



This is our first electronic Fore & Aft. Mary Ann is very skilled and has credentials in setting up and managing websites, and wants to make it as easy for us to use as possible. For those of you who are unable to receive the electronic version, let Mary Ann know and she'll send a copy to you. So, how do you know if you didn't receive it? Easy, all of us should check with other members we're close with to double check that they received Fore & Aft, and were able to read it. Now that wasn't so hard, was it!

An important part of this new format is the formation of a Communication Committee. Mary Ann Wolf—Website and Newsletter Manager, Mike Schultz—Vice Commodore and Events Coordinator, Charlie Brown—Membership Chair, and I as Commodore are the Communication Committee. We'll all receive and review submissions for the Fore & Aft before it's published. This eases the load for Mary Ann, and keeps these three key Club leaders informed in a timely way. Mary Ann will publish submission dates—please send something along to her—this is our newsletter for us. As you can see,

we've met and have worked through our process to produce this first newsletter. We all hope it meets your expectations. Let us know how you like it.

Also in this issue, there's a review of the Wisconsin LMYA Rendezvous, an update/reminder of the uses of our roster, and something from Helmoise too. Finally—I'm looking forward to seeing you at Skipper Bud's behind Barnacle Bud's for the July 18th Summer Cook-out. This is a great time to bring friends, those who may be interested in a boating club, family and children. See you there!

Linda Brown, Commodore

WISCONSIN LMYA RENDEZVOUS

MHYC again had a fine showing of members at the LMYA Rendezvous in June. Charlie and I took Water Music too from our E10-11 berth in Racine up to Sheboygan. She's running sweet and smooth.

A large group of us enjoyed a Friday night dinner at Rupp's—sadly sans liver and onions for some. Dick and Karen had two grandchildren with them—my how fast they grow. Stephanie and her family were there too.

On Saturday morning, there was an interesting LMYA meeting led by Rear Commodore Jim Mergener. There were also presentations by Don Stevens about the progress of the trip up the Fox River, and from Wayne Happel on the Lakeshore Park, formerly Summerfest Island. There are also meters for daily boaters wishing to tie up there.

For those of you who enjoyed the Board Walk in Sheboygan, the route there from the marina has vastly changed. The old buildings and scrubby grounds are gone. New developments are coming. And across the river—more excellent developments are in place. It's a lovely harbor.



LMYA Breakfast Meeting



Tommy's Birthday at the Rendezvous



Club members after Sunday Breakfast

The dinner this year was held near the Boardwalk shops. There were some door prizes and several of our members won some. Another table held silent auction items including our \$50 West Marine gift certificate, and our ginger and almond soap/lotion selection from Williams & Sonoma that Ellen Baugher won. The new meal choices were interesting and refreshing. Instead of bringing in music or a D.J., there was a slide show presentation of a couple's Grand Circle Tour completed in less than a year—whew! We saw many of their stops, highlights including going through some harrowing locks, and magnificent sights they saw. They highly recommend making the tour. Everyone there thoroughly enjoyed it.

Finally, another highlight was the unanimous approval by those attending to hold the LMYA Wisconsin Rendezvous at Reefpoint Marina in Racine next year. So, look for a fine event in 2008 closer to home.

Linda Brown

Mike's Corner

Hi Everyone. I hope all of you have been enjoying the great weather we have had so far this summer. All of the members who went to the LMYA event in Sheboygan had a good time along with good food and company. A while back I sent everyone an email asking for ideas for summer events or cruises, and so far I have only had three responses. I know that no one is happy about the recent nasty jump in fuel prices, and I can understand a reluctance by many of you to think about a boating trip at this time, myself included :-). So maybe this summer we can just have more social and land events to occupy our free time and enjoy the water as much as each of us feel comfortable with. So if any of you have an idea of additional events you would like to see the club have this summer, let me know. We could go out for a fish fry, or a pizza party, a land cruise to see or tour somewhere interesting or whatever you can think of. Above

all, each of us should enjoy the summer in a safe and sensible way. I hope to see all of you at the next event, the July 18th cookout.

Mike Schultz - Vice Commodore

HINTS from Hel(M)oise

An excellent article on Caulking, Sealing and Joining (Adhesives) is in the August issue of BOATING MAGAZINE. It covers the best use of each type: silicone, polysulfide, and polyurethane). Good tips on how to prolong the life of a sealant cartridge, how to bed fittings, and on caulking joints.

Now, have you ever wondered how some of the nautical terms came into the language?

Take for instance the word fathom. We now think of it as a unit of measure as: 3 fathoms of water. The term originated from the Old English word “faedm”, which meant “to embrace,” and is itself derived from the distance across the outspread arms of a man of average size.

Or the word “dingbat”. This was a sailor’s slang term for a mop made out of old rope ends used for swabbing the deck. It became an Australian slang, a term referring to delirium tremens. So it appears that there is a natural progression from a sloppy mop, to a person having delirium tremens, to a person with a mind slightly below the water line.

And most of us have used the term “the Devil to pay”. The term “to pay” means to caulk a seam (generally with Oakum and tar). The “devil” was the difficult to reach outermost seam in or between the deck and the vessel’s side. It was a very difficult job to caulk, so to “pay the devil” referred to the very awkward and difficult task of “paying” the outermost seam. So now it has become a term referring to a difficult course of action that generally results in trouble.

MORE ON WATER MUSIC too

A few words from Charlie Brown, and a summary of the last minute work on Water Music-too.

The last time I wrote about Water Music-too, I was in the last stages of assembling the starboard engine. I'm pleased to report that the engine is running, and that Water Music too is now berthed in Racine for the summer. However, getting from dry stack to Racine was not without some interesting moments.

We can start out with the fact that after all of the flushing and oil changing there was more than a bit of oil in the bilge. This, for environmental reasons, required disabling the bilge pump float switch, and lots of pumping, sponging and wiping down. This was not without its better parts however, as in the process two wrenches and a spark plug socket from previous owners were found and added to the tool kit.

The trip to Racine was actually started three times. Time number one was to be a shakedown cruise up the Milwaukee River with our daughter Jennifer and her fiancé Andy in May. This quickly revealed the necessity for replacing fuel filters, and re timing the engines, which was done the next day.

The second start, started off well, but halfway across the Inner Harbor , the power steering went soft, and we could hear a new noise from the engine compartment. A quick look showed that the power steering pump was low on fluid. I added fluid, and started off for the South Gap again. Well before we got to the South Gap the steering was soft again and this time with considerably more noise. I shut down the starboard engine, (which has the power steering pump) and returned to Skipper Bud's on the port engine. An investigation now showed that one of the power steering hoses had failed and again dumped the oil in the bilge! I removed the hose, was able to trim/cut off the end of the hose that had failed, and refasten it. I drove to a


nearby service station, bought more fluid, refilled the pump reservoir, and was off again.

Started the third run to Racine . Success! Now the only problem was to again clean up the mess in the bilge without getting any in the water. I was getting to be a bit irritable by this time.

However, it all seems worth it, as over the Fourth of July weekend we made a short run down to Kenosha and all worked well. We visited with Joy and Ron Buttke. They have another boat in the Simmonds Island Marina area we toured with his children.

Now again it's time start dealing with all of the normal clean-up that didn't get done during the time the engines were being worked on. The foredeck, cockpit sole, handles everywhere, and so forth. At least we now have summer boating to look forward to.

Charlie Brown



July Birthdays

- July 3 - Peggy Harshman
- July 7 - Karen Schmidt
- July 10 - Howard Shaw
- July 12 - Woody Wilson
- July 15 - Joy Buttke
- July 30 - Mike Garner

Condolences to Linda and Mark Cretser

We are saddened to learn that Linda Cretser's mother passed away after emergency surgery. Her father is accepting this, but it's difficult at age 81, as it is at any time. We ask all members to keep Mark, Linda and her family in your thoughts.

Galley Chef

BBQ Macaroni Salad

Serves 8 to 10



Table salt

1 pound elbow macaroni

1 red bell pepper , seeded and chopped fine

1 rib celery , chopped fine

4 scallions , sliced thin

2 tablespoons cider vinegar

1 teaspoon hot sauce

1 teaspoon chili powder

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

Pinch cayenne pepper

1 cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup barbecue sauce (whatever is your favorite)

Ground black pepper

1. Bring 4 quarts water to boil in large pot. Add 1 tablespoon salt and macaroni and cook until nearly tender, about 5 minutes. Drain in colander and rinse with cold water until cool, then drain once more, briefly, so that pasta is still moist; transfer to large bowl.

2. Stir in bell pepper, celery, scallions, vinegar, hot sauce, chili powder, garlic powder, and cayenne pepper, and let sit until flavors are absorbed, about 2 minutes. Stir in mayonnaise and barbecue sauce and let sit until salad is no longer watery, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and serve. (The salad can be covered and refrigerated for up to 2 days. Check seasonings before serving.) As the salad sits, it can become dry; just before serving, stir in a few tablespoons of warm water to bring back its creamy texture.

Please submit your favorite "Onboard" recipe to: wolfmr@yahoo.com

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**MILWAUKEE HARBOR YACHT CLUB
2007 Calendar**

July 18- Summer Cookout
August 15 - Summer Party
August 31-September 3 - Racine Weekend
October 10 - General Meeting
November 14 - General Meeting
December 2 - Christmas Party

Watch future issues of the *Fore & Aft* for more details.

Next Newsletter Issue:
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Deadline for Articles and other Written
Material.

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