



Commodore's Comments

Best wishes for all MHYC members as we look to another safe and fun boating year 2008 from the Board. It was generally a very good boating season—it just started a little late. We had one good impromptu boating trip to Port Washington. We're suggesting more dates for impromptu events this year—let us know what you want to include. Marilyn Koerner and Steve Bucher are the Members-at-Large and can get your ideas to the Board.

This will be a year of outreach to marine stores and marinas. Mike Schultz and Ellen Baugher have spent considerable time on the new tri folds—thanks for an excellent result. Members will have yellow tri folds to share with friends, and hot pink will go to the retail businesses. This will help us track where we are successful in obtaining inquiries, and new members.

We need someone who can help us update our Skipper Bud's bulletin board area. I announced at the Christmas Party that we want the board above the mail box holding tri folds and applications be repainted with the club name and web address. The bulletin board box will have information for prospects to get the tri folds for contacting us. We might want to have a lock on the bulletin board box too. Please call Linda at 414-421-1383 if you are able to help out on this task.

Keep the year's event schedule in your calendar—better yet—enter the dates now. We've prepared the schedule now so those planning vacations or trips can factor in Club events, if possible. We all enjoy being together, and truly, the better the turn-out, the better the event.

Linda Brown, Commodore

MHYC 2008 EVENTS

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| January 18 or 25 | Friday Fish Fry. |
| February 17, Sunday | Brunch membership meeting, <i>Board will chair this event.</i> Nominations; impromptu events set; event sign-up; <i>committees need volunteers.</i> |
| March 15, Saturday | Commodore's Ball at the Clarion Hotel. Present and future Commodore will chair. |
| April 19 th , Saturday | Chili Dump and Safety presentation "Making a Ditch Bag." |
| May 17, Saturday | Commissioning Party, Family Day/Open House at McKinley. |
| June 13-15, Fri-Sun | LMYA Rendezvous in Racine at Reefpoint Marina. |

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| July 16, Wednesday | Another event, date to be determined _____ |
| August 20, Wednesday | Evening BYOM at Barnacle Bud's |
| Labor Day Weekend | Wine Tasting, Bingo and Open House at McKinley Pavilion. |
| Sept. 20/21, Sat/Sun | (8/29-9/1) at Reefpoint Marina. |
| Oct. 8, Wednesday | Impromptu event _____ |
| Oct. 19 Sunday | Membership Meeting, <i>Board will Chair this event.</i> |
| Nov. 12, Wednesday | Impromptu event _____ |
| Dec. 6, Saturday | Thanksgiving membership meeting, <i>Board will Chair this event.</i> |
| | Holiday Christmas Party at Venice Club. |

Some suggested ideas from members for impromptu events thus far are:

- * Tour North Shore Lighthouse in Shorewood.
- * Cruises to Port Washington, Kenosha, Sheboygan, Sturgeon Bay.
- * Visit Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.
- * Visit the NOAA weather station near here.
- * Include Poker run event as we did at McKinley in 2006.
- * Cruise across the Lake.

Look over the above planned and suggested events and let Mike Schultz know which you would like to work on, or participate in at BigMikeWis@aol.com.

More on Events

Well I guess Mother Nature is really telling us to forget about boating for a while with all this cold and snow we have been getting. But, the truth of the matter is, that we should all be starting to dream and plan for the next boating season. I want to thank Mary & Karen Wilson for organizing a great event.

All of you who attended the great Christmas party/dinner we had at the Venice Club enjoyed good food, fun games, and great social time with all the members who were able to join us. At that meeting we rolled out the event schedule for 2008, and asked for comments and suggestions from everyone. One item we discussed on the schedule of events is a January Friday night fish fry at a location to be determined yet. Most everyone was in favor of having this event on January 25, 2008, but no one has stepped up to organize this event as far as I know. So, I am asking for one of you to help your club by being the event leader for this event and teaming up with someone else if need be to determine a good place to go for a fish fry, and to make the arrangements and take the RSVP's. If you have never done this before, I will be glad to help you out in any way I can. When you see the new schedule, you will see quite a few changes in events in 2008.

We members of the Board are very excited about all the new activities we are bringing to the club this next year, and hope that an advance schedule like this will help people make long range plans for 2008 to attend more MHYC events. Please remember that all of you "are" the club, not just the few people on the board who work hard to keep the club going. I am asking that all of you dig down deep in your heart and ask yourself what you can do this next year to make our club even better than it already is.

I also passed out 10 copies of the new club tri-fold flyer to all in attendance last Sunday to give to their friends, relatives, work associates, church members, or anyone else who loves boating, but is missing the fun of being part of a club of people to enjoy all that the boating lifestyle has to offer. If any of you who were unable to attend the meeting wish to have copies of the tri-fold, let me know, and I will be happy to send them to you. Remember, all of you are part of the Membership Committee.

Mike Schultz, Vice Commodore

ordinance can be passed and enforced.

Results of the Nominations and Elections of Officers are: Jim Mergener, Rear Commodore, and Keith Ponath Purser Yeoman.

Competition for LMYA. Comments were made regarding the declining membership in some areas. Boat U.S. is the biggest competitor. There is also an organization in Illinois that is pulling in members from LMYA.

It was again noted that our Cruising Cards are a great benefit for LMYA members. Use one or two, and your annual dues are paid. We need to continue promoting membership in this very worthwhile organization—our recreational boating voice to governmental agencies. LMYA has many successes through work of devoted members and officers.

The next Board meeting will be in early April at South Shore Yacht Club. Linda and Charlie Brown are Board Members. All LMYA members are invited.

Linda Brown

FINAL COMMENTS

It's been a while since non-board members have contributed to the Fore & Aft. As we sit back and think about our boating times, how about writing up short article about a trip, past events you've enjoyed that we might like to undertake again, things you're planning to do, and anything related to boating and travel we all enjoy knowing about. And let us know what you would like to be included in the Fore & Aft. Just email it to watermusic@wi.rr.com so we can include it. Thanks.

Happy Holidays and New Year 2008 to you all!