



# The Waves



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- Commodore: Dick Kornely
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- Bar Manager: Maureen Shebesta
- Clothing: Tom Spear

## Letter from Commodore Dick Kornely



Well January was a busy month after the fire, there was a lot of work done with the whole Club being refreshed. The Insurance Co has paid out over \$100,000.00 already with more to come.

The building chair Keith Laurent had his hands full organizing the utility contractors. We now have two new furnaces, two new water heaters, new electric, and fresh paint thanks to member Skip Benzinger .

I want to thank Steve McMahon for keeping the Commodore daily duties for a few extra weeks so I could coordinate all the contractors, volunteers, Insurance Company, the phone calls and the reorganizing to get the club open as soon as possible.

Jim Kocian our house chair and his loyal member helpers got the kitchen back in shape and passed the health department inspection on Jan 17 and we opened for dining on the 18. Just a reminder our Friday help is part time and they didn't have any work for about a month because of the FIRE so please be generous and appreciative of their loyalty!

I would like to thank all the members and spouses who helped in any way, there are too many to mention. The true meaning of membership really stood out. Now that we are open again we need your support with Friday dining and all other events.

Remember this is your Club and it is "Happy Hour" 365 days a year. Please patronize you Club on a regular basis!

We have some events on the agenda for February with the Swedish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday the 10, sign up sheet is up. STEAK night is Tuesday 12 , bring a guest and this is a great time for the apprentices to meet a lot of members. VALENTINES DAY on the 14th, so don't forget your special sweetheart. Coming soon April Smelt Fry. If you have any ideas for a party event mention them to Ron Stokes our Social Chair or any board member, there are many members that will help you get started.

We will have Apprentice Meeting as soon as we fill the 20 slots for membership. Apprentices my use the Club but can't go behind the bar until someone explains the pouring and till operation.

There are some great Club events that need someone to take charge of, TOM AND JERRY NIGHT , OCTOBERFEST, & NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. If you have any interest in chairing a event please contact me 920-973-3343 or rjkornely@hotmail.com or send an email to manitowoc yachtclub@gmail.com some of the loyal members who chaired these events are looking for new blood to take them on.

THANKS,

*Dick Kornely*

# Committee News

## House Committee

*Jim Kocian, Chairman*

Since the fire, we are almost back to normal with everything!

The kitchen clean-up took efforts of many and on January 15th, seven club members Jeanne & Dick Metzger, Wendy & Jerry Krueger, Donald Davis, Brian Polzar & Jim Kocian spent several hours getting the kitchen back in shape. Great Job Everyone!

Since our reopening for business our Friday nights have been great! Diner's attendance figures were 134 and 158. It is sure a pleasure to see you enjoying your club. Last year's report shows we had an attendance of 5949 for Friday night dining. That averages out to 119 diners. Thank you to all who joined us!

As of January 31st we are going to start taking orders at 4:30 p.m. to accommodate our early diners.

We appreciate the many compliments & thank you's regarding all the efforts our volunteers have set into putting our club back in order. All our volunteers, many like to remain anonymous deserve all the kudos .....Thank you Volunteers!

## Attention

As a courtesy to our members with 'Disabled' tags, visible on their vehicles, the Board of Directors is asking able-bodied members to refrain from using the front row parking during the winter months – especially on Friday evenings. Although the club is code compliant with the number of 'Disabled Parking' spaces available to members (three) there are a few occasions when more spaces would be nice. The problem is we only have so much space. We do not want to make this a permanent change in that striping and signage would need to be involved and then these spaces would not be fully utilized. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for helping to keep the club safe for everyone.



Committee Chairs please submit any committee reports for the newsletter. This entire page is available for Committee News.

**Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil DID NOT see his shadow, which means an early spring!**



### ATTENTION

The club will be getting an ATM in the near future. It will replace one of the three gambling machines.

We hope this makes it easier for you and your guests to enjoy the bar and Friday Night Dining!



# Calendar

## Event Details

### Swedish Pancake Breakfast

Sunday February 10

10am-1pm

Bring your family and friends to this popular event. It includes all you can eat Swedish pancakes, sausages, fruit and many desserts. Sign-up sheet is posted.



## Check out the club bulletin board for:

Meeting Minutes  
Proposals  
New Member Applicants  
Event Sign-ups  
Snap Shots  
Stag/Steak Night Info  
Club Waiting List  
Plus much more!

### Football Picks Party

Sunday February 17

1-4pm

Participants in the Football Picks please stop down on Sunday February 17 for the end of the season party. Food and drinks provided. Guests - \$10. Any questions contact Dave Schmidt - 920.377.0650



*If you notice an incorrect date or time listed on the "Printed Calendar" please compare against the "Website Calendar" which is always up-to-date with any changes in the schedule.*  
[www.manitowocycachtclub.com/calendar.html](http://www.manitowocycachtclub.com/calendar.html)

## FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fresh Walleye	2 Private Party 12-4pm
3	4 Ladies Aux. 7pm	5	6	7	8 BBQ Ribs	9
10 Swedish Pancake Breakfast 10am	11	12 Steak Night 530pm	13	14	15 Peel & Eat Shrimp	16 Private Party 4-11pm
17 Football Picks Party 1-4pm	18 Board Meeting 6pm	19	20	21	22 Broiled Tuna & Rainbow Trout	23 Private Party 12-4pm
24	25	26 Membership Meeting 7pm	27	28		

## Online Newsletters

There is an archive of past newsletters on our website.

## Events cont.



### Apprentice Welcome Party

*Highly encouraged that all apprentices attend*

**Apprentices:** Orientation - Learn about the club and your responsibilities being an apprentice as well as how to get involved. Socialize with members.

Group photo for the newsletter & receive your key.

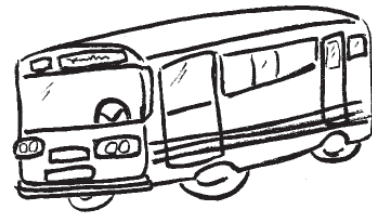
**Members:** Welcome/meet the new apprentices; share your experiences and knowledge about the club, committees and events. Please bring a dish to pass.

### Save the Date!

**Green Bay Interclub Party - March 9.**

**Bus sign-up is on the Bulletin Board.**

**Watch for more details!**



## MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fresh Walleye	2
3	4 Ladies Aux. 7pm	5	6	7	8 Sauteed Shrimp	9 Green Bay Interclub Party
10	11	12 Steak Night 530pm	13	14	15 Catfish	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Board Meeting 6pm	19	20	21	22 Broiled Salmon	23
24	25	26 Membership Meeting 7pm	27	28	29 Good Friday Peel & Eat Shrimp	30
30 Easter						

## Maritime Muesum Dinner

**Join the Wisconsin Maritime Museum for Dinner at the Yacht Club on May 18!**

"There is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

The Water Rat

The Wind in the Willows

Kenneth Grahame (1859-1932)

That's true of boats of any size.

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum will host Messing about in Miniature, the 37th Annual Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest and Display, Saturday & Sunday, May 18-19, 2013. This is the nation's longest-running contest/display of the model boat builders' craft. Don't miss it!

Bring the kids and grandkids down to the remote control model pond for Adventures in Miniature on the High Seas—warships and schooners, steam paddle wheelers, and fishing boats! Blow the whistle, take the helm!

This is an opportunity to see the work of the masters of model boat building. Modelers come from throughout the country for this special event. Ever wonder how they build scratch models of schooners and battleships? Talk with the modelers. Vote for your favorite model!

Models are on display from noon on Saturday through 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The exhibition's award dinner will be held at the Manitowoc Yacht Club, the evening of Saturday, May 18, 5:30 p.m. Tom Kastle will entertain us with an evening of maritime musical lore. The Museum and modelers will display several of the exhibition's models, including Manitowoc's own White Swan.

Members of the Yacht Club are invited to join us for the evening. Full dinner, \$25 per person; cash bar. Seating is limited; please call Toni at 684-0218, ext. 102 or email [museum@wisconsinmaritime.org](mailto:museum@wisconsinmaritime.org).

## More Maritime Muesum Events

**Saturday, February 9, 2013 1:00 p.m. Saturday Learning Series: The Schooner Era in Wisconsin**

Peter Hirthe of the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society will share an overview of the schooner age with a great deal of photos from the Great Lakes Marine Collection.

**Saturday, February 16, 2013 1:00 p.m. Saturday Learning Series: Women in the History of the U.S. Lighthouses**

The position of light keeper was the first U.S. Government managerial position open to women. Lighthouse historian John Enright will teach about the adventurous lives of more than 20 female keepers—brave, stalwart, hard working women who served their country and brought safety to the mariners who sailed within the range of their lights.

## New Member Applications

Sponsor - Dick Kornely  
Applicant - Doug Brennan

Sponsor - Steve McMahon  
Applicant - Michael Molepske

## Membership Handbook

*The 2013 - 2014 Membership Handbook is all set to go. We cannot print the book until the ad spaces are filled.*

*\$50 - small (1/8 page)  
\$75 - medium (1/4 page)  
\$100 - large (1/2 page)  
Please contact*

*[manitowocyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:manitowocyachtclub@gmail.com) for more details.*

# Picture Page

**Please Submit  
Digital Photos**

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*Steve McMahon making the Toys for Tots Donation  
Thank you to those who donated!*

## **Kitchen Clean-up Help - Thank you :)**

**Like us on  
Facebook!**



*Wendy Krueger and Jeanne Metzger*

## **Stay informed:**

*Attend the Monthly  
Membership  
Meetings! Always the  
last Tuesday of the  
month at 7pm.*



*Don Davis, Dick Metzger & Jerry Krueger*

# Sailing Page

## Two Great Lakes Hit Lowest Water Levels Recorded

By John Flesher, The Associated Press

Two of the Great Lakes have hit their lowest water levels ever recorded, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Tuesday, capping more than a decade of below-normal rain and snowfall and higher temperatures that boost evaporation.

Measurements taken last month show Lake Huron and Lake Michigan have reached their lowest ebb since record keeping began in 1918, and the lakes could set additional records over the next few months, the corps said. The lakes were 29 inches below their long-term average and had declined 17 inches since January 2012.

The other Great Lakes — Superior, Erie and Ontario — were also well below average.

"We're in an extreme situation," said Keith Kompoltowicz, watershed hydrology chief for the corps district office in Detroit.

The low water has caused heavy economic losses by forcing cargo ships to carry lighter loads, leaving boat docks high and dry, and damaging fish-spawning areas. And vegetation has sprung up in newly exposed shoreline bottomlands, a turnoff for hotel customers who prefer sandy beaches.

The corps' report came as shippers pleaded with Congress for more money to dredge ever-shallower harbors and channels. Shippers are taxed to support a harbor maintenance fund, but only about half of the revenue is spent on dredging. The remainder is diverted to the treasury for other purposes. Legislation to change that policy is pending before Congress.

"Plunging water levels are beyond anyone's control, but the dredging crisis is man-made," said James Weakley, president of the Cleveland-based Lake Carriers' Association.

Kompoltowicz said the Army corps might reconsider a long-debated proposal to place structures in a river to reduce the flow of water away from Lakes Huron and Lake Michigan, which are connected.

Scientists say lake levels are cyclical and controlled mostly by nature. They began a steep decline in the late 1990s and have usually lagged well below their historical averages since then.

But studies have shown that Huron and Michigan fell by 10 to 16 inches because of dredging over the years to deepen the navigational channel in the St. Clair River, most recently in the 1960s. Dredging of the river, which is on the south end of Lake Huron, accelerated the flow of water southward from the two lakes toward Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and eventually into the Atlantic Ocean.

Groups representing shoreline property owners, primarily in Lake Huron's Georgian Bay, have demanded action to slow the Lake Huron and Michigan outflow to make up for losses that resulted from dredging, which they contend are even greater than officials have acknowledged.

Although the Army corps produced a list of water-slowing options in 1972, including miniature dams and sills that resemble speed bumps along the river bottom, nothing was done because the lakes were in a period of above-average levels that lasted nearly three decades, Kompoltowicz said.

The corps has congressional authorization to take action but would need money for an updated study as a first step, he said. The Detroit office is considering a funding request, but it would have to compete with other projects nationwide and couldn't get into the budget before 2015.

"It's no guarantee that we're going to get it, especially in this budget climate," Kompoltowicz said. "But there are serious impacts to navigation and shoreline property owners from this extreme event. It's time to revisit this."

Scientists and engineers convened by the International Joint Commission, a U.S.-Canadian agency that deals with shared waterways, issued reports in 2009 and last year that opposed trying to regulate the Great Lakes by placing structures at choke points such as the St. Clair River. The commission has conducted public hearings and will issue a statement in about a month, spokesman John Nevin said.

Roger Gauthier, a retired staff hydrologist with the Army corps, said a series of "speed bumps" could be put in the river at a reasonable cost within a few years. Without such measures, he warned, "it would take years of consistent rain" to return Lake Michigan and Lake Huron to normal.

*Source: The Associated Press*

## Note from The Waves

The Waves needs your help with contributions in the form of letters to the editor, photos – old and new, articles on water activities, suggestions, etc. ANY input is valuable! Drop them off at the club, mail to The Waves' attention or email [manitowocyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:manitowocyachtclub@gmail.com). We hope to make the waves more informative and interesting!

## February Events

February 4 Ladies Auxiliary 7pm

February 10 Swedish Pancake Breakfast 10am-1pm

February 12 Steak Night (Officers & Committee Heads)

February 17 Football Prediction Party 1-4pm

February 18 Board Meeting 6pm

February 26 General Membership Meeting 7pm

