



# The Waves

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## Letter from Commodore Brian Muench



Hooray, hooray, it's the first of May; outdoor planting begins today (or something like that). The weather is cold and wet as I write this, hopefully that will change soon so we can get the campers out

of storage and make some camping plans.

For those of you who do not know this, we will be camping on the Yacht Club grounds over the weekend of the fourth of July, Friday and Saturday night, with the Family Picnic being held on Saturday. We will be having campfires both nights and lots of smores and pudgy pies plus maybe a few cocktails so if you don't have any plans that weekend please join us. There will be more about the family picnic and camping in future newsletters.

There has been a lot going on these days down at the club it is great to see so many people stopping down and enjoying the club. There were a lot of good parties in April and many more in May. I would like to personally thank all of you folks who are running these parties and all of you who help. Please stop in and check the bulletin board for a sign up sheet for all the events.

There is still room for anyone who wants to enjoy our fabulous Mother's Day Buffet down at the club, please see the sign up sheet.

I would like to thank Dave Franz again for taking care of all the maintenance at the club. He has been quite busy taking care of the place lately. Dave has added a few more burgees to the

White Swan room's wall and it really looks nice.

If you plan to travel to another Yacht Club on vacation please take one of our burgees along and give it to them if they already do not have one and bring one of theirs back. We will get it up on the wall, we have room for a few more.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, about the club please call me or drop a letter down the money drop for me, I am always willing to listen to all.

I have been asked by a few people to bring the Boat Show and Swap back this year. So if anyone is interested in running this, please let me know ASAP so we can get a date set and do some advertising.

If you have been wondering what happened to the front awning, there was a minor accident were the pole was hit by a vehicle causing some damage to the pole, awning and frame. It is all currently being fixed and should all be back in place by the time you are reading this.

Well that's all I have for now, see you down at the club.

Brian Muench  
Commodore

# Committee News

## Thank you!

Dave Franz donated two half whiskey barrels for planters at the Club's entrance!

Dean Duescher and Bill Scola donated a full truckload of split f rewood! Anymore would be appreciated as it goes quickly!

## Smoking Ban Reminder

The smoking ban (Act 12) goes into effect on July 5. Private clubs are affected. The Act requires that persons in charge of places where smoking is prohibited enforce the prohibitions by taking certain steps to ensure compliance, such as not providing ashtrays and matches; posting "no smoking" signs; asking a person to stop smoking; asking a person who is smoking to leave; refusing to serve the person; and notifying law enforcement if the person does not leave after being requested to do so.

**Penalties:** Violations of the smoking prohibition range from \$100 to \$250 for each violation. The Act provides that anyone in charge is subject to a fine of \$100 for each violation.

## Reminder

Effective June 4, 2010; only members may purchase food. Members or guests may purchase beverages.



### House Committee

*Jim Kocian, Chairman*

Many thanks to members and their guests who have dined with us on Friday nights. Welcome back all you snow-birds, it's good to see you again. For those of you who have not been down to the club lately please consider joining us some Friday night. Our wait staff has some friendly reminders:

- please go to your table when called
- all dinner bills are to be paid at the bar
- when finished dining please leave your table at a reasonable time period so the next members and guests are able to dine

I would like to thank Chef Brian, Keith Shebesta and Tracy Virnoche for a great Steak & Shrimp night on April 9th. Excellent job guys! If you have any questions or concerns please contact me .

### Grounds & Outside Committee

*Don Cisler, Chairman*

We conducted our annual spring clean-up of the grounds on Saturday April 10th. We had a great turn out of members helping out, but I am a bit disappointed that only three apprentices showed up. I would like to thank Wally Norkosky Jr. for getting the power broom for the lawn and all the guys that manned the rakes. You made short work of a big job, thanks to all that helped out. There are still chores that need to be done so here is a second chance to earn some hours. Please give me a call or let's talk at the club about what still needs to be done. There will also be opportunities throughout the season for regular garden maintenance and I will be looking for volunteers. There has been discussion among some members of the club who would like to see the evergreen trees along the lake removed. Some

think we need a better view of the lake and some think we should "limb them up" to get a better view underneath. While others think we should just leave them alone or "if you don't like the view, move your chair" is another option. What do you think? We would like to hear from the membership at the meeting May 25. Spring is here, get out and enjoy it!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Spring Clean Up! The grounds look great!

### Ladies Auxiliary

*Sandie Murray, President*  
The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the

Courthouse Pub on May 3 for our last meeting before we break for the summer. We will celebrate the end of our year by having dinner together, followed by the election of officers for the 2010/2011 year. Monthly auxiliary meetings will resume again in September.

# Calendar

## Mother's Day Buffet

Muench/Laurent/Birkenstock



### May 9 11am-2pm

\$13.50 Adults, \$6.00 6-12 yrs, Free 0-5 yrs

Broasted chicken, hot beef with noodles, eggs, fruit salad, California veggie blend, baby reds, cheesy hash browns, breakfast sausage, pancakes with strawberries, banana foster, and apple brandy sauce plus desserts. Still need help with clean-up, please sign-up on bulletin board.

## June Events

There are no social events scheduled for June, please contact Chad Radtke, Social Committee Chair radchadtke@gmail.com with your ideas!

**YMCA Boats In** - Help is needed to get the YMCA sailing program 'out of the shed'.

Wednesday June 30, 2010 5pm sharp.

Boat set-up and inspection. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the club bulletin board sometime in May.

## Upcoming Events

- July 3 - Family Picnic
- July 24 - Brewer Bus
- Aug. 21 - Pig Roast
- Sep. 18 - Lobster Boil
- Sep. 25 - Sporting Clays
- Oct. 2 - Oktoberfest
- Oct. 30 - Halloween Party
- Nov. 24 - Tom & Jerry Night
- Dec. 11 - Change of Watch
- Dec. 18 - Kid's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party

## Stag Nights

Still looking for sponsors for July and August

## Hamburger Night

May 19 4-7pm. First 50 to sign up. Limit six in a party. Milwaukee style burgers at a Solly's Coffee Shop in MKE. Served on a toasted bun with raw, fried or stewed onions smothered in butter and french fries all served in a basket. DO NOT SIGN UP if you have a cholesterol problem. Burgers \$2, Cheeseburgers \$2.25, Large Fries \$1.50, Free coffee.

## May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Kentucky Derby Party 1pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ladies Auxiliary	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Peel & Eat Shrimp	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Mother's Day Buffet 11am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Stag Night Shrimp Boil 5:30pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Blue Gills	<b>15</b> Private Party
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Board Meeting 7pm	<b>19</b> Hamburger Wednesday 4pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Fresh Walleye	<b>22</b> Private Party Noon-3pm
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Defibrillator 6pm Membership Meeting 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Cajun Fish	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

## Stag Night - Shrimp Boil May 11

Dick Kornely and crew will be hosting the Stag Night Shrimp Boil. One pound of shrimp, plus the fixings for \$13 per person.

You can still grill STEAKS.

Sign-up sheet is posted and already 45 people have signed up! Space is limited to 60

people so sign up fast. Only sign up if you want shrimp.

Deadline to sign up is April 30th or until full. Any questions, call Dick.

## Committee News (continued)

### Social Committee

*Chad Radtke, Chairman*

Party Planning: If you are running a party please be sure to have a poster made and an article submitted for your party at least six weeks ahead of your event. We want to be sure everyone knows the details so the party can be a success. Also from now on there will be an expense to complete to inform the board of how successful individual parties are. It is also a useful tool to help figure out how much/if anything, should be charged at the door. I look forward to reporting on the many successful parties we have at your MYC!

Other items: There are only a couple spots left for the bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Washington Nationals. \$60 will get you a ticket, food and bus ride. Drinks are \$1 each. We're loading the bus at 1:30pm so we can have plenty of tailgating time, so don't forget a chair and some sunblock.

Please place your check (marked Brewers in the memo spot) down the slot to guarantee your ticket/spot. Anyone who hasn't paid by June 30th runs the risk of losing their spot.

### River Rendezvous Committee

On Saturday June 26 and Sunday June 27 the Manitowoc Yacht Club and Mainly Manitowoc have teamed up to run the beer tent at the 2010 River Rendezvous. A share of the profits will be donated to the club for support of our sailing program. We are in need of volunteer bartenders for both days. A licensed bartender will need to be on the premises at all times. Please step up and help out, last year we earned \$1800 for the program. The exact hours have not been set as of printing so please watch the bulletin board in late May for the sign-up sheet. Festivities are located on the riverfront down by the Manitowoc Public Library and Maritime Museum. Questions, please contact Tracy Virnoche.

## June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Pork Chops	5
6	7	8 Stag Night 5:30pm	9	10	11 Deep Fried Stuffed Shrimp	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Sauteed Scallops	19
20	21 Board Meeting 7pm	22	23	24	25 Peel & Eat Shrimp	26 River Rendez- vous
27 River Rendez- vous	28	29 Membership Meeting 7pm	30			

# Sailor's Page

## Great Lakes to be Five to Eight inches Lower

After a dry winter, Lake Michigan boaters can expect levels of most Great Lakes to be five to eight inches lower this summer than last year. Some lakes were already lower last year than their long-term averages. For boat owners, that means more shallow spots and docks further from the water, but for lake front cottage owners, it means slightly bigger beaches. The reason for expected lower levels on the lakes is a very dry winter and early spring, said Bill Deedler, weather historian for the National Weather Service. During the next six months, Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario and St. Clair are expected to be five to ten inches below last year's levels, while Lake Superior will be at almost the same level as last year, according to the Army Corps of Engineers. Lake St. Clair was hit hard by ice jams on the St. Clair River that dropped the level of the lake nearly two feet in February, but it's rebounding. Still, it's nine inches below its level last April and will gain only about an inch through the summer. The predictions are based on expected weather, but heavy rains or drought can alter the levels. Jon Somes, an avid sailor, said slightly lower lake levels aren't something he worries about much, since his sailboat doesn't dip deeply into the water, but boats with deeper drafts might have trouble in places, he said. At MacRay Harbor the ice jam in the St. Clair River dropped water levels so sharply, the harbor's floating docks were ripped from the seawall in February. *Article Source: <http://www.freep.com>*

## Maritime Museum Events

Visit [www.wisconsinmaritime.org](http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org) for registration details.

### May 14-16: 34th Annual Model Ship Contest & Display

Join us for a fun weekend of model mania! Modelers from around the country and Canada will fill our Riverview Room and the museum's temporary boat pond with models representing historic and modern ships and boats of all kinds.

### May 29: 28 Boat Reunion & USS LAGARTO Remembrance

Join us in honoring the crews and builders of the 28 Manitowoc-built submarines! The next 28 Boat Reunion will be Saturday, May 29th in conjunction with our annual USS Lagarto Remembrance Day Ceremony. The 28 Boat Reunion will offer a chance to visit with shipmates, coworkers, and friends and honor the brave crews of the four Manitowoc-built submarines still on eternal patrol.

## Fast Facts

- 635,000 boats registered in Wisconsin
- Boats registered in IL, MN and Iowa add hundreds of thousands to this total
- Fishing is the top activity enjoyed while in a boat
- 16 people died in 2009 in boating accidents
- 81 % of boat operators in accidents had not taken a safety course

Sources: Recreational Boating in Wisconsin: The 2007 Survey; 2009 Wisconsin Boating Program Report

## New Member Applications

Applicant: Sarah Seifert  
Sponsor: James Neuser

Applicant: James Iverson  
Sponsor: Ron Stokes

Applicant: Quinn Machut  
Sponsor: David Franz

Applicant: David Schultz  
Sponsor: Tim Hecker

**Sheboygan Yacht Club** invites you to view a documentary on Women's Match Racing. The event is open to the public with light snacks and a cash bar.

May 29 - 6pm

## Closing Procedure Reminder

It's your club - leave it better than you found it. Wash glasses and bar surface. Turn off stereo and smoke eater. Make sure all lights are off and all doors are locked.

## Tall Ships Festival August 12-15, Green Bay - [www.tallshipgreenbay.com/](http://www.tallshipgreenbay.com/)

The Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival is part of the American Sail Training Association's (ASTA) Tall Ship Challenge®. Green Bay is one of only six ports in the USA and Canada and the only port in Wisconsin to be honored as a host.

Whether you are touring these vintage sailing vessels, relaxing on a sailaway, enjoying the entertainment or partaking food and drink from dozens of vendors, this event is truly one of a kind.

Twelve vintage vessels will sail into the Port of Green Bay, dock on the shores of the Fox River and host a three day festival as part The Great Lakes United Tall Ship Challenge 2010®. Green Bay is one of only six ports in the USA and Canada and the only port in Wisconsin to be honored as a host.

### Tickets

Enjoy the Festival & tour the ships  
Adults \$10, Kids/Seniors \$8, Kids 4 and under FREE

Sail on one of the sailaway ships (75-90 minute sail)  
Tickets \$40 & price includes festival admission



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### Smelt Fry Facts

- 160 lbs of Smelt from Lake Superior
- 80 lbs of French Fries
- 60 lbs of Homemade Coleslaw
- 12 guys = 3 hours of cleaning

### Membership Handbook

The handbook is currently being reprinted with updates for 2010. We acquired 18 sponsors which covered all costs. Thank you to all of the sponsors!

### We're Now on Facebook!



The Manitowoc Yacht Club is now on Facebook! Become a Fan to view events, news and pictures. Plus connect with other members!

### Policy Reminder

Membership keys are only to be used by the member. Spouses may not access the club alone.



*Foxy Lady Cruise*



*Cleaning Smelt*



*Grace & Kathy of Ladies Auxiliary*



*Breading Smelt*



*Commodore Brian, Vice Commodore Jude & Rear Commodore Steve at Steak & Shrimp Night*



*Enjoying Smelt*

## Meet the Members

### Gus Gospodarek

Long time member Gus Gospodarek has worked hard for the Manitowoc Yacht Club and served as chairman of every committee including the donations committee which he now chairs. He is working on the membership booklet for 2010 getting advertisers. He was commodore in 2000. Gus has two daughters and is very active in the Lutheran schools.



### Keith Shebesta

Treasurer Keith Shebesta handles all the finances for the yacht club and is totally involved in working with the accountants to transfer our older accounting method to Quick Books. Besides serving on the MYC Board of Directors he has held many committee head positions and implemented numerous club improvements and innovations. He is married to Maureen, Club Bar Manager and has a pet cat called Jasper.



# Learn to Sail

## Tracy Virnoche, Fleet Captain - Sailing Committee Chairman

The official sign up roster for participation in the YMCA Sailing Program will be posted on the MYC bulletin board beginning on Saturday May 15 at 8am through Monday July 5 at 5pm. Please take note of the following requirements: YMCA Course Requirements: Participants must be able to swim one length of the YMCA pool and attend (9) – 1.5 hour sailing sessions in a three week span (Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesdays) rain dates if necessary will be on Thursdays. Session dates are as follows:  
 Week 1: July 12, 13, & 14  
 Week 2 – July 19, 20, & 21  
 Week 3 – July 26, 27, & 28  
 A second session will be available if the first session fills up.

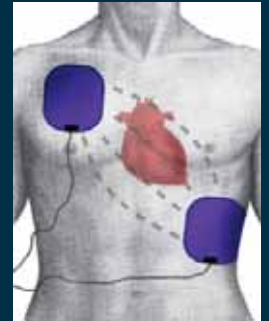


YMCA Course Fees: (Paid from the MYC Sailing Fund – free to candidates as stated)  
 Young Adults (10 – 15 years of age) \$55 YMCA members, \$65 non-YMCA members (Time 3:30 until 5pm)  
 Adults (16 years of age & up) \$65 YMCA members, \$75 non-YMCA members. (Time 5:30 until 7pm)  
 Manitowoc Yacht Club Candidate Requirements: (possible 16 total sponsorships available per session)  
 Participants must be able to fulfill all YMCA requirements.  
 Openings for sponsorship will be as follows:  
 1.) Yacht Club members or life members, spouses and children, grandchildren  
 2.) Special interest groups or individuals as chosen by the MYC Sailing Committee.

- Sign up for sponsorships will be on a first come basis; sign up roster on the bulletin board for six weeks.
- A deposit check in the amount of course fees will be required for MYC members to participate in the program. Upon successful completion of the course, your deposit check will be returned. If for any reason the MYC member cannot complete the program, your deposit will not be refunded. Please drop check in the deposit slot to the lower left of the bulletin board.
- If there are not enough MYC participants to fulfill the possible 16 sponsorships, the MYC Sailing Committee will contact special interest groups such as the YMCA, Boy & Girl Scouting Organizations, Big Brothers & Sisters, or any other individuals deemed as hardship, to fill any remaining sponsorships.
- Recognition plaques will be awarded to all participants who successfully complete the course.

## Defibrillator Training

Joy Singer will be holding a training session on May 25 at 6pm before the membership meeting. Members and staff are encouraged to attend.



## March Drawing Winner is Steve McMahn - Congratulations!

Be sure to sign your bar slips on Fridays for the monthly drawing!

## Donations to the following organizations were made in April:

- 4H Camp Tappawingo
- Bay Lakes Council of Boy Scouts
- Manitowoc Safety Patrol Picnic
- City of Two Rivers - Youth Related Programs
- Mainly Manitowoc
- Manitowoc Garden Club - Sailboat Garden
- Friends of Mariner Trail
- Domestic Violence Center
- Sea Scout Ship 50 Foundation
- Holy Family Memorial (HFM)- Scholarships for Athletes at Night of Excellence



Brian Muench Presenting Krystel Radau of HFM with check for "Night of Excellence"

Drop this slip off at the Club to be added to the **NEW Email List!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 [manitowoc yachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:manitowoc yachtclub@gmail.com). We hope to make the waves more informative and interesting!

The Waves May 2010

## May Events

May 1 Kentucky Derby Party 1pm (Fisher/Feest)

May 3 Ladies Auxiliary

May 9 Mother's Day Buffet 11am (Muench/Laurent/Birkenstock)

May 11 Stag Night Shrimp Boil 530pm (Kornely)

May 18 Board Meeting 7pm

May 19 Hamburger Wednesday 4pm (Stokes)

May 25 Membership Meeting 7pm

*The future depends on what we do in the present! - Ghandhi*



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