



Officers

Commodore: Mike Herrmann
Vice Commodore: Bob Zur
Rear Commodore: Donald Davis
Treasurer: Tina Burbey
Secretary: Dick Nitsch
Auxiliary President: Sandra Murray

Board of Directors

Mike Miller
Bruce Smith
Paula Feest
Tina Burbey
John Glaeser
Dick Nitsch
Brad Yaggie
Fred Schmoock
Robert Zur
Al Peroutka
Ron Smith
Mike Herrmann

Committee Chairs

House: Bob Zur & Don Davis
Building: Keith Laurent
Grounds & Outside: Keith Laurent
Sailing/Fleet Captain: Ned Jerabek
Social: Doug & Jodi Schwalbe & Brad & Jean Gordon
Finance: John Burish
Donations: Dick Kornely
Waves: Susan Gilmore/Judy Kocian
Club Historian: Tom Mittnacht
Bar Manager: Shaina Gentry
Technology: Chris Hytre-Derrington
Party Coordinator:
Jane Hurst 920.242.4436

Letter from Commodore Mike Herrmann

With 2025 in our wake, we set sail on to 2026. I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy Christmas and the New Year with family and friends. It was looking like Mother Nature was going to let us have a White Christmas, but alas, she found a way to change that as she usually does.

As I write my first letter for the Waves as your next Commodore, I want to thank everyone for having confidence in me to keep the ship upright. I especially want to thank **Fred Schmoock, John Bock and Don Davis** for their input and guidance these last two years. I also want to thank the MYC Board for their commitment to the club as well as their guidance as we navigate the operations of this great and storied organization.

Over the last two years we have made significant strides in bringing the MYC up to date with processes and technology. New dishwashers, a new office computer, updated storage



for dry goods/paper products, and a new website were added. None of these updates were wants, several were not planned and were made from necessity. As we come into 2026 we will be updating the bar with new coolers, flooring and some storage. Nonetheless, all the updates have made our club more user friendly and functional.

A **Huge Thank You** also goes out to **Tina** for modernizing and organizing our bookkeeping. In 2025 we added an electronic option

this issue

Committee News

January & February Calendar

Upcoming Events

for paying your dues. While there were a few hurdles along the way, this process went well and brings us current with what is available to us as technology continues to improve. Our long-term goal is making it as easy as possible for the next officers to step into these roles and be up and running in a short period of time.

Being a 20+plus year member of the Yacht Club, I know that I have big shoes to fill. I got my start here at the MYC in the mid-nineties when my father, John Herrmann, drafted the first diagrams of what we now know as the White Swan room. This is the first time in the Manitowoc Yacht Club's 130-year history that a father and son will have served in the capacity of Commodore. For those that don't know him well, Dad's term as Commodore was in 1995. I thank him for his guidance and input.

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Club Email:

General Questions

Email:

manitowoccyachtclub@gmail.com

Reminder:

The club alarm system activates daily at 2am-6am. If the system detects motion within the club the police will be notified.

Manitowoc Yacht Club Members Only Facebook Page

A members only Facebook page has been set up for members to view news related to the club.

The new Facebook page is

"Manitowoc Yacht Club Members Only"

The Facebook page (Manitowoc Yacht Club) is not monitored by the club and does not include news related to the membership.

Committee News

Cont. From Commodore Mike

I have sat and chatted with many of our former Commodores and am truly grateful for their support and insight.

As we set sail for 2026, Bob Zur and Don Davis will assist with steering the MYC ship as Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore respectively. They will be working on taking over the House operations and Apprentice Coordination. We also welcome three (3) new board members **Mike Miller, Bruce Smith and Tina Burbey**. Additionally, **Tina and Dick Nitsch** are staying on in their roles as Treasurer and Secretary.

For 2026 our goal is not to just stay afloat and weather any possible storms, but to keep the wind in the sails of progress and hopefully leave the club in a better position. I will be looking to our officers, board and membership to help keep the MYC moving

forward. One of my goals is to improve member engagement. How can we energize the members we currently have and encourage them to become more involved? This club has a long and storied history of events and gatherings fueled and run by our members. Some of the largely popular events included; Boat show, Swedish Pancake Breakfast, Lobster boil, Smelt fry, Chicken roast, and yes we even had a Road Kill and Yard Bird feed for a few years (next time you see me ask about this one).

Speaking of events, we have a few in the mix for 2026. Steak night sign-up is up (we are looking for a host for **January 13th**); host responsibilities are on the sign-up sheet.

Fourth on the Shore is a go, thank you **Debbie Knox and Jane Foster** for stepping up to the plate. St. Patrick's Day is in

the works and I'm hearing a desire to bring back Mother's Day brunch. There will be ample opportunity to get involved and/or participate in some fun events.

I look forward to facing the challenges ahead and hope to see you all at the club this year. I will continue to meet and speak with our membership at events and Friday dining. As always, feel free to call if you have any questions, comments or concerns, I will do my best to answer them or to find an answer for you. You can always call on any of our board members or officers as well. I may be reached at the club most days via phone or email or by my email at flh01rider@gmail.com.



Apprentice News

By: **Mike Herrmann - Commodore/Apprentice Coordinator**

Sadly, one couple did not make their requirements for apprenticeship in 2025. We will be introducing a new slate of apprentices for 2026 and are eager to watch them hoist the sails of their membership.

As I write this note for the Waves, we have eight (8) who have confirmed their invitation to membership and eleven (11) more who were extended an offer to join.

We will be welcoming the first batch of apprentices for orientation on January 10th from 1:00pm-to-3pm. Apprentice members and their sponsors will be directly

invited, but all members are welcome to attend and welcome our new members.

Current members are asked to bring a dish to pass for social networking following the orientation which will last about 1 hour.

Committee & Calendar Events

STEAK NIGHT

Tuesday, January 13th ~ 5:30-7pm

You bring the meat, we supply the fixings: baked potato, baked beans, mushrooms, salad bar, bun.

Charcoal Grills will be hot and ready for your use.

\$5 at the door-members and guests

50/50 Raffle

HOST: Host Needed

Check out the club bulletin board for:

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

TRIVIA MONDAY'S @ 7pm

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. (Note: we are under construction for this website, please bear with us.) www.manitowoc yachtclub.com/calendar.html

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO DINING	3 Private Party 5-9pm
4	5 Trivia 7pm	6	7	8	9 Dining 5-8pm	10
11	12 Trivia 7pm	13 Steak Night PENDING NEED HOST	14	15 Private Party 4:30-9:30pm	16 Dining 5-8pm	17
18	19 Trivia 7pm	20 Board Meeting 5:30pm Membership Meeting 7pm	21	22	23 Dining 5-8pm	24
25	26 Trivia 7pm	27	28	29	30 Dining 5-8pm	31

Online Newsletters

There is an archive of past newsletters on our website.

Attention Membership:
Empty cash register, but leave about \$120.00 in cash, putting excess cash in money envelope and dropping down the wall slot.

Calendar & Upcoming Events & Reminders

Thank You

Special Recognition — goes out to **Keith Laurent and Scott Wagner** for being instrumental in the building and prep work for the bar renovation area.

Stop in and check it out!



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February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Ladies of the Yacht Club 6:45pm		3	4	5	6
					Dining 5-8pm	7
8	9 Trivia 7pm	10 Steak Night 5:30-7pm	11	12	13 Dining 5-8pm	14 
15	16 Trivia 7pm President's Day	17 Board Meeting 5:30pm Membership Meeting 7pm	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20 Dining 5-8pm	21
22	23 Trivia 7pm	24	25	26	27 Dining 5-8pm	28

Reminder:

When you leave the self-service bar or tables in the Club, clean up after yourself.

Place used glasses in the bar glass washer. If you bring any food, snack items, throw-away plates, and utensils, ensure the trash or anything left over goes home with you or into the dumpster behind the club.

Do not put your trash or leftovers in the bar or dining room trash bins.

Door FOBS are now available at the MYC that can be used instead of your card.



Events and Information



From the Treasurer:

By: Tina Burbey

Happy New Year! Now that the dues collection is complete, the club's next project is the bar renovation. And with renovations, come expenses.

Donations to this project or to the general capital improvement fund are always welcome. Capital Improvement donations can be mailed to the club or dropped in the safe slot.

I want to Thank all of those that contributed to the Party Bar and Bar Stool project especially the "Bar Flies" and Chuck Webster.

Also, if you need a copy of the Waves mailed to you, the fee for 2026 is \$35.00. Please be sure to make your payment to the club as soon as possible to continue receiving them through the mail.



Some of our Past Commodores



Our beautiful bartenders



Our 2025 Officers



hors d'oeuvre table

Committee News/Other Information

House Operations

By: Mike Herrmann —Commodore/ House Chair

The bar renovation project is coming along well with the new alcove for the new condiments cooler constructed and one of the new cabinets in. We will be putting the finishing touches on this alcove in the last few days of December. The new flooring is set to be installed in the 3rd full week of January. We will be having a work party to move all the product from behind the bar and move the equipment from under the bar on January 17th. Come on down and pitch a hand, there is a sign up on the bulletin board at the club. On January 19th the old backbar will be removed and the floor will be assessed for any needed repairs. Please bear with us as we complete this project, there will certainly be a few bumps along the way, but it will be exciting to see it finished.

While this renovation is being completed, we will still be open to the members. The new coolers for the back bar will be delivered, and we will use them for bar service during the renovation with a temporary bar set up. We will use plastic cups for drinks for a few weeks to minimize the impact on the galley on Friday night. Speaking of which, the galley will still be open on Fridays, just with a bit of a limited menu. Think fish fry!

We are also working on a plan to bring a bar food night to the club. Chef Joe is working on developing a few easy sandwiches to go along with our current deep-fried items. Look for that to start late January or early February. We are thinking a Tuesday or Wednesday night opposite Steak Night and meeting nights.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns.

New Member Applications

Applicant:

Sponsor:



Notice:

Burgee lapel pins
for sale —
\$5.00 each



Magnetic Name
Tag for sale—
\$10.00 each

Ladies of the Yacht Club

By: Sandie Murray—President

The **Ladies of the Yacht Club** met on December 1st for their annual Christmas potluck dinner. It was announced at the dinner, that through various fundraisers held by the ladies throughout the year, **more than \$2,500 was raised for holiday gift-giving to needy families.** The gifts were delivered to elementary schools in Manitowoc to be disbursed to the families in time for Christmas.

Due to the busy holiday season, there will be no meeting in January. The ladies will meet again on Monday, February 2 at 6:45 p.m.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

DECEMBER
31ST



BALL
DROP AT
11 PM

Let's Celebrate!

LIVE MUSIC:

BOBBY ALLEN SHOW

FET. JEAN ALICE GORDON

8 - 11 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

HEAVY HORS D'OUVRES & DESSERTS

FREE CHAMPAGNE AT BALL DROP

PARTY FAVORS

NON-MEMBER
GUESTS WELCOME

\$15
PER PERSON

SPONSORED BY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE



2026 Steak Nights

Hosts for Steak Night are needed for the year of 2026. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Please volunteer to host a Steak Night.

Friday Night
Dining Receipt

December Winner:
Leah Jerabek

Reminders:

Please submit digital photos to:

manitowoc yachtclub@gmail.com
by 28th of the month.



STAY INFORMED:

Attend the Monthly
Membership Meetings!
The 2nd to last
Tuesday of every
month at 7:00 pm.

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!

**Email articles to club
Subject: Waves**
at
**manitowoc yachtclub
@gmail.com by the
28th of the month.**
We hope to make the Waves more informative and interesting!

January Events

- January 5 Trivia 7pm
- January 12 Trivia 7pm
- January 13 **Steak Night 5:30-7pm (Need Host)**
- January 19 Trivia 7pm
- January 20 **Board Meeting 5:30pm & Membership Meeting 7pm**
- January 26 Trivia 7pm

Evergleems Fundraiser



EVERY FRIDAY– DINING FROM 5:00-8:00

The Waves January 2026

