



Our Club Depends on You!

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M&M Yacht Club
DOCK TALK

The MMYC has long been a meeting place for die-hard boat owners and for non-boat owners with the joy of getting together and sharing their joy for the life on and around the water. We have some of the best fresh water boating in the world in our very own backyard. Our Meet the Fleet event brings this love for the water and our boats to a lot of people in and around our community. It has grown to the point of introducing over 250 people last year to waters of Green Bay, under the watchful eye of Jon and Sue Kukuk, who will be chairing this committee again this year.

The 75th 100 Miler is scheduled for July 23, 2011, this is the premier sailboat race held in the Waters of Green Bay. Amanda Nelson will have some large shoes to fill after the great job Peg Stern and Ted Werch have done. Amanda is looking forward to the many challenges this event will bring and having more members involved in making this a great event.

The Racine Yacht Club and MMYC will again bring the finish of The Hook Race to Menominee. Mark Rhode, Commodore of

the Racine Yacht Club, is thrilled to have Sue Mars again chairing this committee after the great job that was done last year. Sue worked with their committee from start to finish and helped make this the great event it was. They hope to build the fleet from 56 boats last year to over 70 boats this coming year.

Our Wednesday Night Fun fleet continues to be the highlight for our summer sailing for a lot of our members. Whether a boat owner or crew member, from pre-race to the dinner after the race, these evenings bring a tremendous amount of fellowship to our Club.

The Yacht Club and its activities have become an important part of my family. I would like to thank all the people that have helped in the past to make the Yacht Club what it has been and to thank all who will help in the future to make it what it will be. The Club is not only for everyone to enjoy, it is dependant upon everyone to *run*.

Thank You,
Rick Estebo, Commodore

Looking Forward to 2011

Ed Rowe,
Vice Commodore of Sail

With the upcoming season less than five months away, I would like to first reflect a bit on last year. Last year was the first year of my term as VC of Sail and although it had its ups and downs, I feel we took a step in the right direction. Some new things were implemented and tried - and some old things were brought back in a new way.

The summer of 2010 saw the return of the MMYC Sail Training program. Although the program had new face with a bigger boat and focus on the family, the kids were still the huge focal point. We had more than 15 men, women, and children go through the program. We gained some new sailors and we refreshed and honed the skills of others.

On the racing front, well, in our efforts make sailing easier to participate in (by not making a PHRF certificate required), we ticked off a lot of people without trying. This move did not go over well with PHRF and we definitely made some waves. The worst part of the whole thing, in my opinion, was how, as a club, we couldn't stick together especially those members who were the most unhappy when PHRF and US Sailing demanded membership.

That brings me to this year. This year, I vow to make racing in Menominee more competitive and fair for all who participate. We will be utilizing the Time on Time scoring system, which is recommended for Clubs where PHRF ratings vary by more than 15. I would also like to have different courses for weekend races and change the WNFR

series so it is not always a standard triangle course every week.

The Sail Training Program will also see changes as JoyRide will not be the training vessel this year. A new boat will have to be purchased for this year and for years to come. We hope to have Sam Keys return as the instructor this season. However, if the warm sun, surf, and bikinis of San Diego sway Sam to stay, I would understand.

With all this said, I look forward to serving you this year and hope everyone is getting ready for a wonderful season!

*Fair Winds &
Following Seas!*



Membership Update

**Al Walker,
Membership Chair**

I would like to thank those people who have joined the 2011 Marinette Menominee Yacht Club (MMYC) membership committee. We anticipate a very busy year with Marinette Marine Corporation eventually signing a contract to build ten more Littoral Combat Ships. We already have interest in memberships from some of the new families moving into the area for the anticipated contract.

Our committee's first order of business was to send out the membership applications for 2011 with the MMYC winter newsletter. Our membership single and family rates will remain the same as last year. If you need a membership application or want a perspective member to apply just go to the MMYC website; www.mmyc.org. Please go to the left side menu and click "about MMYC" and then click the "printable membership application" at the menu on the top of the page. We will look for the renewal applications back by end of February in order for our members to be eligible for the free membership drawing in March.

Last year our Yacht Club had just under 180 single, family and life time memberships. Our target this year is to grow by about ten percent, or to

about 200 memberships. We are going to proactively look for new members by making membership applications available at the Yacht Club, Harbor Master's Office, Boater's Lounge, and various locations throughout our community. We will also make sure an inviting letter and application is available to new families in the area for our area welcome representative, Sandy Patz. We are also going to make an effort to invite fellow boaters in the marina to our Friday Night Socials by passing out notices on the pier Friday afternoons.

Our membership committee will also start to work on the Directory for 2011. We will be offering advertising again at the same rate of \$25, \$50, and \$100 for quarter, half and full page ads. We will be updating the directory to new features like Yacht Club history, area maps, and points of interest for our out-of-town members. We also anticipate adding value to the directory this year by allowing advertising coupons for our members.

We continue to have discussions with other Yacht Clubs in Green Bay and Door County offering the possibility of sister membership that goes beyond reciprocity to bring our fellow Yacht Clubs in the area closer together in sharing valuable assets and common interests.

Boaters Behaving Badly

The MMYC Board of Directors has made the following "Code of Conduct" part of the Club's policies/rules. It is not intended to offend anyone, but simply to remind us all of reasonable behavior expectations.

"You haven't won the race, if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors."
~ Paul Elvstrom

Code of Conduct

M&M Yacht Club members and their guests are expected to follow a normally acceptable code of conduct, behaving as ladies, gentlemen, and yachtsmen at all times; operating their watercraft and conducting themselves in a safe and courteous manner while realizing that the actions of MMYC members, on the water or on land, can reflect upon the integrity and the reputation of MMYC.

The following conduct is not acceptable: foul language; defacing, destruction or theft of property; and disrespectful behavior to others.

M&M Yacht Club members must take responsibility for their guests, as well.

Based upon the seriousness of an incident, the Flag Officers may impose membership suspension or membership cancellation.

71st Annual 100 Miler: T-Shirt Design Contest

**Amanda Nelson,
Rear Commodore**

Can you believe that this is going to be the 75th Annual 100 Miler?! What a great milestone and let's make this event no one will forget!

In order to make this just as successful as in the past, we are asking the membership to help by getting more involved in this wonderful race. There are lots of opportunities where we are looking for volunteers. Whether it's selling tickets, setting-up, cleaning-up, taking down, chairing the race committee, preparing mailings (just to name a few), there are plenty of areas where this event needs your help.

This year, I would like to offer to the membership, the opportunity to design this year's t-shirts. I know that

there are many talented people out there, just submit your design to me and I will post them at the Yacht club. Voting will take place at the Members Only Party on Saturday, April 16. You can mail entries to: P.O. Box 232, Menominee, MI 49858, or if you prefer, you may drop them off at the Club or e-mail me at the address listed below.

This is the single largest event that our Club puts on during the year and that means we need YOU. Whatever your talent is, we would like you to put it to good work by volunteering in some way. I look forward to working with the membership on this 75th Annual 100 Miler! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at anelson30@new.rr.com.



Boating Skills & Seamanship Course

In cooperation with NWTC, your local US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla is presenting a **Boating Skills and Seamanship Course** on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00pm beginning January 5 and concluding February 23, 2011.

The class will be held in classroom 128 at NWTC's facility at 1601 University Drive, Marinette, WI. This eight week course is designed to provide everything you need to know about safe boating. Many boating insurance companies offer a discount (usually about 10%, but call your insurance company to see if & how much your company will give you) to those completing this course.

The course fee is \$40 (in advance, checks payable to USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 04-07 or cash only) which includes textbooks and course materials. To register, call the NWTC registration line at 715-735-9361 by December 29, 2010. There are only 24 seats available, so it is first come, first served.

We in Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 04-07 Marinette - Menominee are deeply grateful to Pat O'Hara and his top-notch staff at NWTC for their generous assistance. We are also very grateful to all of you, our fellow M&M Yacht Club members, for donating the seed money to buy the textbooks & classroom materials. Without your generosity this class would never have gotten off the drawing board.

If you have questions, please call Mac McCullough, 906-863-1136. Hope to see you there!

More information on the USCGA

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is an all-volunteer, civilian arm of the active duty US Coast Guard. The group is allowed to participate in all Coast Guard missions except law enforcement and combat. Primarily, Flotilla 04-07 Marinette-Menominee assists with boating safety issues including: 1. Vessel Exams, which are non-punitive inspections of your pleasure craft to ensure you have all required safety equipment & that it is in proper working order, this exam could save you a ticket, but more importantly, it could save your life; 2. Search and Rescue (SAR), the group looks for lost or overdue boaters in coordination with the active Coast Guard; 3. Their new venture is teaching about boating safety. You may check out, their usual meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the M&M Yacht Club in Menominee. Many members are also MMYC members, so you may see some friendly faces if you stop by. You may also call Jim Goodman at (715)735-9646 for more information.

Cabin Fever Party

Friday, March 11 at 6:00 pm

Save the date!
Save the date!
Bring a friend!

2011 Calendar of Events

February

Fri. 11 Valentine's Potluck – 6:00 pm

March

Fri. 11 Cabin Fever Party – 6:00 pm

April

Sat. 9 Spring Clean Up – 10:00 am

Wed. 13 Wednesday Night Fun Race (WNFR) Meeting – 6:00 pm

Sat. 16 Members Only Party – 6:00 pm

May

Sun. 1 Race Committee Training – 11:00 am

Sat. 14 Boaters Swap Meet

Sat. 21 Spring Splash Party – 6:00 pm

Wed. 26 Wednesday Night Fun Race (WNFR) Tune-Up Race – 6:00 pm

Mon. 31 Memorial Day

June

Wed. 1 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 3 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 4 Purinton Memorial Sturgeon Bay to Menominee (SBYC sailboat race)

Wed. 8 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 10 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 11 Commodore's Cup (sailboat race)

Wed. 15 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 17 Pre-Meet the Fleet Party – 6:00 pm

Sat. 18 Meet the Fleet (rain date Sat. June 25)

Wed. 22 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 24 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 25 Rain Date Meet the Fleet (if needed)

Sun. 26 Art for All & MRC Bike Ride

Wed. 29 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

July

Fri. 1 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 2 Third Coast Classic (sailboat race)

Wed. 6 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 8 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Wed. 13 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 15 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 16 Hook Race Starts in Racine, WI (RYC)

Sun. 17 Hook Race Finish – Club Open All Day

Mon. 18 Hook Finish – Afternoon Mount Gay Rum Party; Dinner @ MMYC

Wed. 20 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 22 100 Miler Warm-Up race

Fri. 22 100 Miler Pre-Party – 6:00 pm

Sat. 23 100 Miler – Awards to follow

Wed. 27 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 29 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

August

Wed. 3 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

4-7 Waterfront Festival

Fri. 5 Waterfront Festival Race (sailboat race)

Sat. 6 Windsurfing on the Bay

Wed. 10 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 12 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 13 Fritz Du Bruccq (sailboat race)

Wed. 17 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 19 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 20 Crystal Cup (Women's sailboat race)

Wed. 24 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

Fri. 26 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

Sat. 27 Joey Shepro Memorial Race (Double Hander sailboat race)

Wed. 31 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm

September

Sat. 3 Tiller Memorial Race (sailboat race)

Mon. 5 Labor Day

Sat. 17 Doug Jones Memorial "Frostbite" Race (sailboat race)

October

Sat. 1 Ice Breaker Race (sailboat race)

Mon. 10 Annual Meeting – All Members Welcome – 6:00 pm

Sat. 15 MMYC Annual Dinner TBA

December

Fri. 9 Christmas Potluck Party - 5:30 pm

Please refer to the Club Calendar on the website for updates.



The M & M Yacht Club

Menominee, MI - Marinette, WI

Established in 1935

P.O. Box 232
Menominee, MI 49858

Valentine's Day Party Potluck

Friday, February 11 at 6:00 pm
Please join us for a potluck!



We're on the web!

www.mmyc.org

Already Thinking about "Meet the Fleet"

Jon Kukuk,
Vice Commodore Power

"Meet the Fleet" will be held on Saturday, June 18th from 10am to 4pm at the M&M Yacht Club. This is a wonderful way to get the "landlubbers" in the community out on the Green Bay waters we all enjoy. Many people have never been off-shore and few have seen the insides of a boat, let's give them a

wonderful day!

In 2010 we took out over 257 passengers in 11 boats and I'd like to make it over 300 this coming summer. It isn't a difficult job: show up at 10am, load your boat & take a ride; return to docks and eat the lunch provided by the Yacht Club; 1pm, load your boat again & take 'em for a ride, dock; 2:30 pm, load up again and go for another ride, dock and do it again at 4pm. This is a great

time to practice your docking skills!

Each year, we marvel at the number of people who have never seen the M&M area from the water, yet lived here all their lives. It is especially rewarding if there are children on board - to see their eyes light up when I give them the helm. You never know, this experience might influence a future sea captain or Naval engineer!

Please give me a call if you can participate (715-732-4466) with your boat or in the club house.

Social Activities on the Horizon

Judy Reid,
Social Activities Director

Our M&M Yacht Club ended 2010 with a festive Holiday Potluck Party on Friday, December 10. Thanks to everyone who helped with the party in any way, brought food for The Salvation Army pantry, or brought a White Elephant Gift to exchange. Those who attended this party enjoyed good food, fun, and fellowship.

Now, 2011 is right around the corner and we are already looking forward to the many social events for this coming

year. We have several yearly parties on our calendar and might even add more depending on interest and volunteers. Please consider being a chairperson or helping on a party committee this year.

Let Judy Reid know as soon as possible, as party committees will be organized on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 6pm at Spies Library. Anyone is welcomed to attend this meeting. Attending the meeting is optional, as you can still be on a committee. The job becomes much easier when many 'worker bees' step forward.

You are also encouraged to 'host' one

of our Friday Night Social times. Check your calendar to see which Friday night works best for you this summer. You could 'Buddy up' with someone else and host one together. By the way, you are given \$20 towards food for this social gathering.

Please contact Judy Reid, the MMYC Social Activities Director at 906-864-1469 if you have ideas for new types of social gatherings at our clubhouse that you are willing to chair.

