



Looking Forward to 2007

March 2007



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M&M Yacht Club
DOCK TALK

As I sit here writing, it is difficult to imagine that we will be on the water in a few months.

In October 2006, we had elections of board members and flag officers. Three members of the board finished their tenures, giving way to three new board members.

Leaving the board were Mark Nygren, who was Vice Commodore of Power, as well as board members Amanda Lingis and Ted Werch. These individuals served multiple tenures and decided not to serve again.

To them, we extend our sincere gratitude for the time and efforts they put forth over the years. They spent many hours serving you, the members of our club, making our organization better. To, Mark, Amanda and Ted we say "Thank You" for jobs well done, we hope you will continue to offer your time and energies.

Our new board members are Jon Kukuk, taking over as Vice Commodore of Power, as well as Laura Chaltry and Amy Gleeson who have teamed up as our Social Committee.

We always encourage members to participate in any and all functions and activities. To that end, we encourage you to attend board meetings and bring any ideas you may have. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm (18:00 hours). Please come and actively participate in the discussions at these meetings. Remember, it is *your* club and the board members are here to serve the needs of the membership.

Downtown Update

Menominee's Historical Waterfront Downtown is going through a wonderful metamorphosis. Part of it began in 2005 when it was named a Michigan "Cool City." A plan was developed that reflects the "small-town" America and the renaissance of our beloved Downtown.

Tenth Avenue, the welcome mat to Downtown, was renovated to include single lanes for an unhurried drive, **ample parallel parking** spaces, lamp posts whose style is keeping with the historical buildings they illuminate, new sidewalks to make walking a tempting mode of transportation. Rounding out these changes are newly planted trees and green space to compliment the City's natural beauty.

As we approach the new season of waterfront activities, we still have things that we need to work on. At the time of this writing, we do not have a new lease completed with the City of Menominee, but we are optimistic that we will have it before the start of the season.

We are also rejuvenating both our Sail Training program and the Sea Scout ship that we sponsor. As with all of the activities we undertake, it is only through the hard work of individuals like you that we are able to get anything done. If you would like to assist in any of our activities, please let us know. We need your help but won't necessarily know you are available unless you step forward.

As I close, I would like to say it is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve for another year as your commodore. ***I hope that each year we can make the club a little better than the year before.*** And I encourage all of you to participate in the running of your club with whatever time or energies you can provide. The more we participate, the better our club is.

I'll sign off by stealing a line from long time member and past commodore Ike Stephenson who always ended his columns with ...

Think Warm Sunny Sailing Weather,
Mitch Hubert, Commodore

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Hop on board the Spirit of LaSalle, **ferry and excursion boat service**, which will begin operations in May of this year.

In your exploration of the Downtown, don't miss a chance to inspect the "Opera House." Many supporters are excited about the revival and reconstruction scheduled this year.



Membership Update

The goal of the Membership Committee is to increase membership beyond previous numbers of 180. To accomplish this, committee leader Mimi Schahczenski along with Judy Reid and assistance from Sue Mars, have created several events to attract new members.

First, the club has been inviting members to bring friends (and potentially new members) to monthly Pot Luck socials. The gatherings have been well attended and have attracted some new members.

Secondly, "Friday Night Social Hours" will be repeated on all available Fridays during the summer. This open door event was well received last year; all MMYC members and all boaters in the Marina are welcome to drop in for friendly conversation. Club "hosts" usually supply an appetizer, while guests are encouraged to bring their own food/refreshments.

Ride with Pride— yellow bike program

You may have seen them around town – brightly painted yellow bikes available to everyone to use.

This spring when the program begins again, you can feel responsible for helping enable such a program. During the off-season, MMYC donated two bikes with baskets and helmets to the yellow bike program. These bikes will have plates on the back with the words "Proudly Donated by M&M Yacht Club."

Since the mission of the "Ride with Pride" program is to encourage bicycle use around downtown Menominee and since many of the people using the yellow bikes are boaters who want to explore our area, the MMYC felt it was a good opportunity to help.

This project is supported and fully insured by the Downtown Development Authority and the City of Menominee. Bikes will be available Memorial Day weekend until September 30.

71st Annual 100 Miler

Mark your calendars for July 21 as we look forward to another great 100 Miler Race. As usual, the committee is looking for helpers for parties and finishing line duties. Every year more people are taking on responsibility, the more people involved, the better this event becomes.

Watch for sign up sheets posted in the club. If you are inexperienced, don't let that stop you – each job is supervised by someone to provide help. Plus, cell phones have increased

communication both on and off shore.

One change will affect club members, the committee decided that the Friday night party will be open only to people who have paid for dinner. As much as I dislike this restriction, there have been too many abuses of the open door policy for this party.

As usual, we will offer discounted, early buy tickets. Please watch the deadlines for this discount when

Boaters Behaving Badly

Following some inappropriate behavior exhibited last boating season at the club, in the marina, and on the water, 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.



published. If anyone cannot use their pre-purchased dinner tickets, they are welcome to re-sell them. All of the dinner sales and entry fees support this event. The Landing has done a wonderful job catering and I would like to continue to afford this.

Feel free to contact me to volunteer or voice your opinion.

Peg Stearn, Rear Commodore
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Wild Rice Concerts

Originating over 20 years ago, Wild Rice Concerts strive to provide access to live music in our communities. Featuring jazz, folk, ethnic, and singer songwriter performances, this series provides an opportunity for residents to hear music they otherwise might not be exposed to, or would have to travel to larger cities to experience.

Over the years, concerts have been held in the homes of local residents. In recent months, they have been hosted at various public venues, while looking for a permanent space. The Yacht Club has proved to be an ideal space with a casual ambience and welcoming atmosphere for the public.

Artists receive 100% of all ticket sales from their performance. Organizers do some low-key fundraising to cover incidental costs such as advertising, mailings, meals and housing for artists, and occasionally funds for artist travel.

For more information or to be placed on the mailing list, go to www.wildriceconcerts.org or call Ray Williams 906-864-1568 or Nancy Douglas 715-735-8050.

Trophy Update

If you've been to the clubhouse lately you may have noticed that the perpetual trophies are missing. They have been taken down and are being updated so that the name tags are uniform sizes and are more legible. They should be back before the Spring Splash Party.

We have added a new perpetual trophy this year. It is for the "Volunteer of the Year." This award has been given for the last three years and it is time to let everyone know who these people are and recognize them for all the hard work they do for the club.

On a sad note, the sailboat has fallen off of the 100 Miler trophy. Bill St. Martin has been working with Shoobies Trophies in Marinette to find a replacement, but so far, he has had no success. He may have to try to repair the existing sailboat. (It has been repaired before). If anyone has information on a replacement, or if you have suggestions about club trophies and the trophy case, contact Bill.



WANTED:

WANTED: Pictures of the following yachts for display in our clubhouse

- Arrowhead owned by Bob Hood
- Freja owned by Milt Nelson
- Weatherly owned by Doug Jones

Need not be 11 x 14 full-sized prints— but any negative, transparency or clear copy will do (originals will be returned). If you can help the club please see Ike Stephenson or call him 906-863-8291.

March 2007



2007 Calendar of Events

March

- Sat. 10 Wild Rice Concert featuring Al Rose – 8:00 pm
- Fri. 16 Cabin Fever Party & PHRF/Ins. Registration – 6:00 pm
- Tue. 20 Free Boating Class at Nestegg – 7:00 pm
- Tue. 27 Free Boating Class at Nestegg – 7:00 pm
- Sat. 31 Free Electronics Seminar at Nestegg – 10:00-3:00

April

- Sat. 7 Wild Rice Concert featuring Adrienne – 8:00 pm
- Sat. 14 Jack Dallman Memorial Fish Tourn, Nestegg – 8:00-3:00
- Sat. 14 Members Only Party – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
- Sat. 28 Spring Clean Up – 10:00 am

May

- Sat. 19 Spring Splash Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
- Wed. 30 WNFR Tune-Up/Skippers Meeting – 6:00 pm

June

- Sat. 2 Sturgeon Bay to Menominee Race – TBA
- Wed. 6 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 8 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm
- Sat. 9 Commodore's Cup – Registration 9:00-9:30; Start 11 am
- Wed. 13 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 15 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm
- Wed. 20 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 22 Pre-Fleet Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
- Sat. 23 Meet the Fleet I
- Sun. 24 Art for All and MRC Bike Ride
- Wed. 27 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 29 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm
- Sat. 30 Meet the Fleet II

July

- Wed. 4 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 6 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm
- Sat. 7 Third Coast Classic – Registration 9:00-9:30; Start 11 am
- Wed. 11 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- 13-15 Bay Jammers
- Wed. 18 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 20 Door County Off Shore Cup – TBA
- Fri. 20 100 Miler Pre-Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
- Sat. 21 100 Miler – TBA
- Wed. 25 WNFR – Start 6:00
- 28-29 Brown Trout Derby

August

- Wed. 1 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 3 Waterfront Festival Race – TBA
- 2-5 Waterfront Festival
- Wed. 8 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 10 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm
- Sat. 11 Crystal Cup/Corn Roast* – Start 1:00 pm
- Sat. 11 M&M Antique Car Club Show
- Wed. 15 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 17 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm
- Sat. 18 Fritz Du Brucq Regatta – TBA
- Wed. 22 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 24 Double Hander Pre-Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
- Sat. 25 Joey Shepro Memorial Race (Double Hander) – TBA
- Wed. 29 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 31 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm

September

- Sat. 1 Tiller Memorial Race – TBA
- Wed. 5 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
- Fri. 7 Pre-Frostbite Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
- Sat. 8 Doug Jones Memorial "Frostbite" Race – TBA

October

- Fri. 5 Friday Night Social Hour – 6:00 pm
- Sat. 6 Icebreaker Race – TBA
- Mon. 8 Annual Meeting – 6:00 pm
- Sat. 20 Halloween Kids Pumpkin Carving Party – TBA

November

- Sat. 3 Annual Dinner* – TBA ❖ LIVE Music ❖

*admission fee



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We're on the web!

www.mmyc.org

Sea Scouts at MMYC

The Sea Scout Venture crew 9077 of the MMYC is reforming. The new adult advisor board includes Mitch Hubert, Connie Betzinger, Dick Boren, David Stillman and Scott MacArthur.

One primary goal is recruiting a new crew. Recruitment should never stop as it provides the lifeblood of the organization. We want the kids to come away from sea scouting knowing they are part of an organization that

will continue long after they have become adults.

Teens in our community are surrounded by free water recreation and yet they are inside their houses, staring at a TV or computer screen. Sea Scouting benefits them, it benefits us. ***It benefits the entire community.***

The best recruitment is word of mouth, teen to teen; therefore, we are contacting local schools, the Healthy

Youth Coalition and others. Once we have a crew, their primary job will be recruiting.

Though the adult advisors will do a great deal of organizational work at the beginning, the kids will learn to run things themselves and the adults become supervisors - making sure they plan and carry out safe/practical activities.

We will be documenting the start up at <http://venturecrew9077.blogspot.com/>. Contact Scott MacArthur with questions or suggestions macartian@sbcglobal.net.

Homeland Security

Special to M&M Yacht Club

- submitted by Ike Stephenson

With the building of the USS Freedom at Marinette Marine, we are now exposed to various security regulations. Navy security is worried that the weakest link in the security chain is where terrorists will attack.

Now that Freedom is afloat, large black boat buoys are to be placed in the water 200' from the Marinette Marine

docks. This will slightly narrow the channel but will NOT close it. Proposed security regulations will require that the area opposite Marinette Marine be a no wake area, anchoring or loitering will be prohibited.

When Freedom is underway in the river, no boats will be allowed to pass her and must stay 600' ahead or astern of her. On the bay, boats will be required to stay 600' away from Freedom. Picket boats will mark this

boundary. Complete security regulations are to be published after the quarterly Marinette & Menominee Security Committee meets April 17th.

If these regulations follow the guidelines of other Navy security regulations, we will be able to live with them. Access to Nestegg Marine will NOT be restricted other than for launching or while Freedom is underway on the river.

