



2008 Will be a Banner Year

March 2008



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M&M Yacht Club
DOCK TALK

As I prepared to sit down and write this letter, I decided to go back to previous writings I've prepared for this news letter and also from our Annual Meetings and Annual Dinners.

In doing so, I was struck, not so surprisingly, by a recurring theme. That theme is the fact that our Club runs on the efforts of volunteers to do absolutely everything.

We do not have a paid staff as many other clubs do. All of the accomplishments of our club, your club, both past and present, are a result of individuals who stepped forward to give of their time so that we might all share in the benefits of our activities.

There are so many individuals and teams of individuals who consistently step forward to get things done that I will not try to single them out. Because, to do so would invariably mean that I would forget someone.

Suffice it to say that we are all appreciative of your individual and collective efforts in keeping our club active and one of the premier boating organizations on the Bay of Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

As the new boating season approaches, we have much to be proud of. Already, we have the start of a full calendar of events ranging from our ever popular "Meet the Fleet" to the granddaddy of our summer, the 100 Miler.

With all of our activities, and those of other community groups - the marina area will, once again, be a hot spot of action in the tri-city area. Nearly every single weekend some organization or group utilizes the marina and its surrounding settings to hold an activity.

The Marina area has truly become the jewel of the City of Menominee and a key to much of the summer tourism in our area. I don't know the exact economic impact the marina has on the area over the summer months, but I'm quite sure it is substantial in magnitude.

Our club has been key to the success of the development of the marina area over the years. There is little doubt that the marina would not be anywhere close to what it is today without the M&M Yacht Club and in particular the Marina Management Group which is a group within our club. Their combined efforts over the last twenty-five years or so have gone into the planning, implementing and even much of the physical labor that have taken our City Marina from the brink of collapse to the finest facility of its kind on the Bay of Green Bay.

To all of our members who are "old timers" welcome back for another year. And, to all of our new members, welcome aboard. Please don't be shy to roll up your sleeves and volunteer for any of the myriad of tasks we have to keep things moving along.

Trust me when I say that, the more you volunteer, the more fun and satisfaction you will have in being a member of MMYC.

Thanks to all of you who have made my role as Commodore of your club so enjoyable over the past two and a half years.

- Mitch Hubert,
MMYC Commodore

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Please RSVP by March 12 at 715-587-8278

You are invited!



Please attend!



Sail—Sail—Sail

♪ Let it Snow ♪ ♪ Let it Snow ♪
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OK folks; it may be a bit corny, but let's be upbeat about the snow. After all, water levels should be up in the spring, which will allow for safe boating. Until then, we need to take care of pre-sailing business.

As of this newsletter, approximately 20 people have signed up to help with sailing events according to the 2008 Membership Application. Those people can expect to receive a phone call about volunteering. You will be asked to help with one event, but do

not hesitate to volunteer for two. (Refer to the Calendar of Events for dates of sailing events and have two in mind.) Those of you who have not checked off an area of interest on your registration form, you can expect to receive a similar call as well.

On Saturday, May 31, there will be a Sailing Seminar and Skippers Meeting. At this meeting we will cover rules, starting procedures, policies, and safety issues. We will also cover the procedures for protesting and measurement. (Food and beverages will be served.)

We have a group of approximately eight veteran sailors who will be taking your protests and making a judgment. If there is an issue on the racecourse, do not hesitate to file a protest and have it resolved. It has been a long time since there has been a venue available to resolve these types of issues, but as always, consult your rule book.

I will leave you with two words that will improve the M&M Yacht Club and sailing events: "GET INVOLVED."

- Dan McVane,
Vice Commodore of Sail

How is the Opera House Project Coming?



Special to M&M Yacht Club
- Harry Ellery, Menominee Opera House Committee

There is a fine old 1902 opera house at 122 5th Avenue, just around the corner off of 1st Street. If you haven't seen it, or haven't seen it lately, take a look. The windows are boarded up and the interior is in ruins, but the exterior shell is in very sound condition.

Since 2004, a group of local residents have been working to save this treasure and return it to the community as a Performing Arts Center and multi-use entertainment facility. Similar restorations have been done at hundreds of historic theaters around the country, to the very great economic and cultural benefit of the communities in which these theaters now operate.

Progress toward this goal has been steady. The Menominee Opera House Committee is a tax-exempt corporation, and now owns the building, the result of a generous contribution by the Vennema family. A Rehabilitation Master Plan is being prepared by a team of nationally recognized experts in historic theater restoration. This work is being funded by several grants along with funds raised by the committee through memberships and fundraisers.

This project is worthy of your support, and there is much remaining to do. Find out more visit the website at www.menomineeoperahouse.org, or call 715 587-3123 and ask for a free trial newsletter subscription to ENCORE.

Menominee Historic Waterfront Downtown

Special to M&M Yacht Club
- Ray Williams, President MDBA

It is 2008 and there is a lot of buzz in our Menominee Historic Waterfront Downtown. Most of the buildings that were for sale have been sold. People from all over the region see the potential here and have purchased and invested in what will soon be the place to go in the U.P.

Here are a just a couple of the projects yet to be completed:

Murray O'Sullivan's Irish Pub and Grille with a separate fine dining area will open this spring.

The Crawford Hotel and Waters Lounge shooting for early 2008

The Breakwater Hotel with 68 rooms, many bay view, in late 2009

Plus the arrival of a other new businesses on 10th Ave and 1st Street.

The Menominee Downtown Business Association, The Menominee Opera House and The Menominee Downtown Development Authority will be sharing a space at 737 First Street. Visitors will be able to stop in for information about the many exciting downtown events.

Pay a visit directly across from this office at our venerable band shell for

concerts in the park every Thursday evening beginning in June. Co-sponsored by Marinette Menominee Chamber of Commerce and City of Menominee, the line up this year is simply spectacular.

One last item: The MDBA has put together a video portraying our beautiful downtown and can be viewed by going to www.downtownmenominee.com and clicking the scrolling link near the top of the page.

Don't let your summer slip by without visiting Menominee's Historic Downtown Waterfront.



Power Squadron Update

Cabela's Master Walleye Circuit

May 1-18 the Cabela's Master Walleye Circuit (MWC) will again return to the Twin City area. It is expected over 200 two-man fishing teams will fill all area motels and campgrounds in the week leading up to the tournament.

Two years ago, when the same tourney came to the area, participants spent over \$600,000 in food, lodging, fuel and supplies. Again, this event should be a great economical boost to our area and we welcome the community to come and meet these professional fishermen who will hopefully catch beautiful fish.

This year's event will be held south of the Yacht Club on the grassy area directly west of F Dock. The Cabela's presentation stage will be set-up along the waterfront and award presentations will be conducted during the weekend weigh-ins (in front of hopefully a good local crowd). Food & refreshments will be available.

In the early hours of Saturday & Sunday morning the fishing teams will use the finger piers of F Dock for daily inspections before departure and will return for their end of the day weigh-in.

This catch & release tournament is being managed by the M&M Area Chamber of Commerce & the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen.

Meet the Fleet Participation

In conjunction with our annual Meet the Fleet planned for June 21, I would like to welcome all member PowerBoaters to come out and perhaps offer boat rides to wishing individuals.

In the past, it has been all sailboats and perhaps we have some people in the area who would like to get a powerboat ride. It would be great if we got 3 to 6 members to offer short rides.

In addition, if a captain prefers not to take a trip with passengers, we would like to also offer docked powerboat tours. I will look forward to having some powerboat captains step up and help make our presence in Meet the Fleet.

Let me know if you're interested and I will set up a plan for our participation.

If any powerboater of the M & M Yacht Club has any other idea for a summer event please let me know and we can see if it is feasible to get it organized. We are starting to grow our numbers and it would be nice to get the group together in the summer to share our common grounds.

- Jon Kukuk,
Vice Commodore of Power

WANTED:

Any individual who knows of a spectacular band or entertainer who could be hired to play at our social events, please contact Laura Chaltry 715-587-8278 or laura_chaltry@yahoo.com.

March 2008



2008 Calendar of Events

March

Fri. 14 Cabin Fever Party – 6:00 pm

April

Sat. 12 Jack Dallman Memorial Fish Tourn, Nestegg – 8:00-3:00
Sat. 12 Members Only Party – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
Sat. 12 Spring Clean Up at the Club – 10:00 am

May

Sat. 3 MDBA Chili Cook-Off & Wild Rice Concert
Sat. 10 Spring Splash Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
16-18 Cabela's Masters Walleye Fishing Tournament
Wed. 28 WNFR Tune-Up – 6:00 pm
Sat. 31 Sailing Seminar and Skippers Meeting – 10:00 am

June

Wed. 4 Wednesday Night Fun Race (WNFR) – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 6 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Sat. 7 Sturgeon Bay to Menominee Race – TBA
Wed. 11 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 13 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Sat. 14 Commodore's Cup – Registration 9:00-9:30; Start 11 am
Wed. 18 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 20 Pre-Fleet Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
Sat. 21 Meet the Fleet (rain date Sat. June 28)
Wed. 25 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 27 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm

July

Wed. 2 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 4 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Sat. 5 Third Coast Classic – Registration 9:00-9:30; Start 11 am
Sat. 5 Menominee Opera House Picnic – 11:00 am
Wed. 9 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 11 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Sat. 12 Crystal Cup (Women's Sailboat Race) – TBA
Wed. 16 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
18-20 Bay Jammers
Sat. 19 Hook Race Starts in Racine, WI (RYC)
Sun. 20 Hook Race Finish – Club Open All Day
Mon. 21 Hook Finish cont. – Afternoon Mount Gay Rum Party;
Hook Dinner @ MMYC
Wed. 23 WNFR – Start 6:00
Fri. 25 100 Miler Warm-Up Race – TBA
Fri. 25 100 Miler Pre-Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
Sat. 26 100 Miler – TBA
26-27 Brown Trout Derby
Wed 30 WNFR – Start 6:00

August

Fri. 1 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Wed. 6 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 8 Waterfront Festival Race – TBA
Sat. 9 Thompson Wooden Boat Rally
Sat. 9 Nestegg Marine Boat Building Contest – 9:00 am
Wed. 13 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 15 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Sat. 16 Fritz Du Brucq Regatta – TBA
Wed. 20 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 22 Double Hander Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
Sat. 23 Joey Shepro Memorial Race (Double Hander) – TBA
Wed. 27 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 29 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Sat. 30 Tiller Memorial Race – TBA

September

Wed. 3 WNFR – Start 6:00 pm
Fri. 5 Pre-Frostbite Party* – 6:00 pm ❖ LIVE Music ❖
Sat. 6 Doug Jones Memorial "Frostbite" Race – TBA

October

Fri. 3 Friday Night Social – 6:00 pm
Sat. 4 Icebreaker Race – TBA
Mon. 13 Annual Meeting – 6:00 pm

November

Sat. 8 Annual Dinner* – TBA ❖ LIVE Music ❖





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We're on the web!

www.mmyc.org

100 Miler & Hook Race News

Hook Race Returns

On July 20, the Hook race will celebrate its 25th Anniversary by coming back to Menominee. Boats will begin crossing the finish line on Sunday afternoon and continue through Monday. The Racine Yacht Club will be running their operations out of our Club and on the breakwall.

As members, please welcome them back and show your appreciation by volunteering for the many duties necessary to make the event come together.

Chili Supper – On Sunday, a bar will be set up in the club for serving racers chili in the evening, volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up.

Race Finishing – All night on Sunday, boats will be crossing the finish line at the corner of the breakwall, volunteers are needed to help with overnight shifts.

Mount Gay Rum Party – On Monday, there will be a free party

and dinner for Hook Racers. Non-racers are welcome to attend the rum party for \$10 and the dinner for a fee to be determined. This should be a good event; in order to make it happen, we need to be good hosts and do what we can to help.

Calling All Racers – To show our support for the Hook Race, we are asking any available boats to enter the Hook Race. The yacht Perfection is already signed on! How about Flash Gordon, Whistler, Bay Breeze, Sadie Hawkins, JoyRide, Showdown, Endurance or Bantu to name a few? What fun would it be to see a Menominee boat win it!

100 Miler Tradition Continues

Planning for the 100 Miler is coming along smoothly. Brochures were all over Chicago at the Strictly Sail event in January. The race was featured in both the Racine Yacht Club booth, as well as the Catalina booth. I am expecting a record fleet this year, with the 100th Anniversary of the Mac.

Changes for 2008:

The warm-up race on Friday will start and finish here in Menominee. More details to follow.

Friday's dinner will feature Surf & Turf (Steak & Whitefish), salad bar, potato bar and lots of good nibbles (yes, there will be shrimp). The doors will open at 5:30 for diners only and, for many reasons, we are limiting the number of dinners to 150. Dinner reservation forms will be mailed.

The food will be put away at 8:00 when the doors are opened for everyone to come in and enjoy the live music and socializing.

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to celebrate this wonderful event.

As always, volunteers are needed for the 100 Miler, sign-up sheets will be available in the Club throughout the summer.

- Peg Stearn,
Rear Commodore

