



Our Club Depends on You!

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2013



M&M Yacht Club

NEWSLETTER

The MMYC continues to generate a haven for boaters and boating enthusiasts in our community to enjoy one of the finest fresh-water boating areas in the USA. Our Meet the Fleet event continues to share this with people who may never get to experience this great resource. The 100-Miler continues being the featured race in the Bay, and the Joey Shepro Race this year was only one boat less than the 100-Miler and more money than ever was raised for the "Make A Wish" Foundation. It takes a lot of volunteers to make these things happen.

One of the major issues facing the Menominee Marina is soon to be solved. With the help from the State of Michigan, our City of Menominee, and our Marina Management Group, our harbor is scheduled to be dredged. This has been an issue for more years than I like to remember. The plan is to dam the entrance and gates, then pump the water out and bring in earth movers to deepen the harbor. This should be exciting to watch the progress of, and best of all, having the resulting depths of our harbor at 8-feet plus.

The MMYC and its activities are still an important part of my family. I again want to thank all the people that make our club what it is today and thank the people that will make the future of our club what it will be. Remember, our club is not only for everyone to enjoy, it is dependent upon everyone to run!

Thank You,
Rick Estebo, Commodore

Another Successful Hook in the Books...

The 30th sailing of the Hook Race is now in the history books. The origin of the Hook started in 1984 with only 12 boats participating. The course started at Racine, navigated thru Death's Door, and finished in Menominee. In 1986 the finish was moved to Sturgeon Bay. Finally, in 2009, the Hook returned to Menominee, and we are very pleased to co-host the event.



This year there was a total of 46 boats starting the 189 nautical mile race on Saturday morning, July 13th. The sailors had a difficult competition with light winds making for a very slow race. The first boat to finish was Tango in Blue, finishing on Sunday night, shortly before midnight. In all, 17 boats dropped out of the race.

Menominee was represented by three of our boats and crew. Finishing in 1st place in the Double Handed 2 division was Stu and Sam Keyes aboard Thunder with honors of 9th overall. In the PHRF 1 division, Mitch Hubert and his crew aboard Flash Gordon took 6th place with 10th place honors overall. John Swanson's Paradox and his crew received 2nd place in the PHRF 2 division with 11th place overall honors.

Due to low water, there were several boats that were hesitant to enter the race. With our dredging to take place this fall; hopefully the numbers will increase for the 31st sailing of the Hook Race on July 19th, 2014.

I want to thank the Racine Yacht Club for being a great group to work with. The Coast Guard Auxiliary did a terrific job Sunday night in docking boats during the off hours of the harbor masters. We also couldn't have been successful without all of the volunteers from the M&M Yacht Club. I want to thank you all.

Sue Mars, MMYC Hook Chair



Successful 100-Miler Race Week

The 77th Annual 100 Miler and 2nd Annual Race Week was an enjoyable week! Races started on Wednesday and went through Saturday. Participation was a little low this year, which was expected, but we did get some new boats to participate from Milwaukee, Escanaba and Egg Harbor. We also had 4 non-PHRF rated boats this year that wanted to seek out to get their boats rated. They had a great time with our race and will be back!

Did I say our race week was enjoyable.. well maybe not just enjoyable, but monumental.! This was the first year in club history that we were able to get a sponsor, Gosling's Rum. They are out of Bermuda and were established in 1806. Maybe you have heard of some their signature drinks: Dark 'N Stormy or the Bright 'N Sunny that we featured during the 100-Miler. If you sampled Gosling's during the 100-Miler you have to check out their website www.goslings.com; their products can even be used in cooking!

Gosling's Friday night party was a hit; if you did not come you truly missed out! We had excellent food and amazing drinks . Oh, and don't forget about the water balloons and hula hoop contests and all of the Gosling's hats, T-shirts and can coozies!! Saturday was also a great time, although a little chilly in the evening, but Gosling's drinks and the "Funk and What" band kept people warm.

If you did miss out on all this fun, no worries, since we will have Gosling's sponsorship again for 2014!! They are excited to work with us just as much as we are with them and hope to have them for many years to come. With the dredging this fall to have 10' draft capabilities, we anticipate lots more boats for 2014. Marketing of our event has already started, and the Gosling's sponsorship will also help add to making this best kept secret race on the Great Lakes, no longer a secret. Mark your calendars for next year... **July 26 , 2014.**

I do want to say THANK YOU to everyone that had volunteered making this Race Week one that people want to come back to. Special thanks to our Judge Dean Cady and PRO's Bob and Cathy Sample. We look forward to having them again for 2014. I would also like to thank all of our finish line crew. They were absolutely awesome!! Boats were very tight finishing, some within seconds. They were very organized and I am very proud on how well they worked together as a team. I even got to enjoy watching some of the finish! There were many others that had helped and I cannot thank everyone enough.

Remember this event could not be done without all of you. So THANK You once again it is truly appreciated! We look forward to having you all again in years to come. If you would like to help with this event or if you have any questions, concerns or comments just email 100miler@mmyc.org — your feedback is always welcome!

Enjoy the rest of the season and may the wind fill your sails!

~*Amanda Nelson,*
Rear Commodore

Higley Member of the Year Award

The MMYC Board of Directors is accepting written nominations for the 2013 Hugh Higley Member of the Year Award, to be presented at the October 25th Annual wards Dinner. The nomination doesn't need to be extensive—just a few sentences explaining why you are nominating the Member for this award. Please submit the nomination to Kate Lenz (lenzk001@gmail.com) or any other Board member by no later than Friday, October 4th.

Past Members of the Year include:

2012	Amanda Nelson
2011	Sue Mars
2010	Sandy Dubovenko
2009	Ike Stephenson
2008	Connie Betzinger

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Welcoming New Members of MMYC

MMYC welcomed the following new members during the 2013 boating season:

Greg & Jane Achterling
Jeff Eaton & Mary Kinnunen
Steve Hoyme
Jason & Mindy Jackson
Cynthia Kuber
Donnie Lemire & Susan Powell
Cal Sprik
John Sturdy
Andrew Wells
Case & Kathleen Wewerka



Recruiting MMYC Members to Join the Board

MMYC is YOUR yacht club, but we need YOUR participation to make that happen. **The 2013 Annual Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 14th at MMYC.** This annual meeting will include the election of several Flag Officer and 3 Board positions to service MMYC during the next year. Please consider giving your time to fill one of these important positions. Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the second Monday of each month.

If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities of the positions open for election, please speak with any of the current or past Board members. If you are interested in any (even multiple) positions, please submit your name and position interest to Kate Lenz (lenzk001@gmail.com or 906-290-2768) by Sunday, October 13th, for inclusion on the ballots. You will also be able to submit your name at the Annual Meeting.

If you are not interested in a position, please plan to attend this meeting to VOTE for YOUR future Board members and officers!

House News

This year saw a change in house management. Scott Lemen left for the East Coast and was replaced by the team of Joe Shepro, Len Reid, and Russ Ross. That's what I call impacting a club; when it takes 3 of us to replace Scott! Thanks to Scott for his work and making the changeover very smooth.

Major structural issues were discovered during the Spring Cleanup. Some of the floor support beams at the club house were found to be in need of replacement. The city engineer was notified and came down to inspect, with permanent repairs being looked into. In the interim, temporary repairs were completed by Russ Ross, Matt Reid and other volunteers.

Additionally, our 18 old year refrigerator gave it up this year (thankfully after the Hook Race and 100-Miler events), and will be replaced with a newer energy efficient model which will hopefully last us another 18 years!

Please be sure to contact Joe, Len or Russ know if you see repairs that need to be addressed.

~ **Joe Shepro, House Director**

Current MMYC Board of Directors

(positions with names in *italic* are up for re-election—
note that the Board Committee assignments are
determined after the election)

Flag Officers

Commodore: Rick Estebo

Immediate Past Commodore: Mitch Hubert

***Rear Commodore: Amanda Nelson*

***Treasurer: Sue Mars*

Secretary: Kate Lenz

***Vice-Commodore of Sail: Brian Chaltry*

Vice-Commodore of Power: James LeBouton

Board Members at Large (3 open for election)

Trophy Committee Director: Connie DoBoy

Membership Committee Director: Al Walker

***Activities & Social Committee Director: Jen Chaltry*

***House Committee Co-Directors:
Len Reid, Russ Ross, Joe Shepro*

***Marketing & Communications Committee: Vacant*

Marina Management: Jim Kudlicki



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Remaining 2013 Events

September

- 13 Friday Night Social
- 14 Doug Jones Memorial Frostbite Race
- 20 Friday Night Social
- 27 Friday Night Social
- 28 Giant Pumpkin Festival at Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park

October

- 1 **Marina Closing early due to dredging**
- 4 Friday Night Social
- 5 Icebreaker Race (CANCELLED DUE TO MARINA CLOSING)
- 14 Annual Meeting—6:00 pm at MMYC
- 25 Annual Awards Dinner @ Menominee River Golf & Dining

November & December

- TBD Socials and Holiday Party

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



The M & M Yacht Club

Menominee, MI - Marinette, WI

Established in 1935

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*Please mark your
calendar to attend:*

**MMYC Annual Meeting
Monday, October 14th
6:00 p.m.**

We're on the web!

www.mmyc.org

Thanks to you, the Joey Shepro Race will help make more wishes come true!

The Joey Shepro Double Handed Memorial Race weekend was held on Aug. 23rd and 24th. The event started with the Friday night pre-race party and was well attended by MMYC members, friends and family. There was a lot of food, refreshments, Gosling's Rum, socializing and music at the event. Entertainment was provided by Donnie Lemire and his band, Funk and What, and they kept the crowd moving. A big THANK YOU to Donnie and his band for volunteering their time and talent!

The race was then held on Saturday with 25 boats participating. The weather was perfect for sailing and it was a pleasure to see such a great turnout. Sailors celebrated after the race with more food and socializing. Congratulations to Sam And Stu Keys on their first place finish!

Every year, the Joey Shepro Double Handed Memorial Race raises funds to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. This money comes from race proceeds and donations collected at the event. This year, **the total amount raised for the Make- A-Wish Foundation was \$2,500.00!!** This could not have happened without everyone who participated in the race, donated to the cause, or helped put on the event. We thank you all so very much and are humbled by your generosity.

We want to thank our wonderful bartenders: Kate Lenz, Amanda Nelson, and Mary Lambrecht. You ladies did a great job! Thank you to all who donated food. Thank you to John and Lori Swanson for taking on this event with us each year. Thank you to Sue Mars for always being there to make sure everything goes off as planned. THANK YOU, once again, to everyone who helped out in any way. You all are so appreciated!

Sincerely,

The Family of Joey Shepro

