



# The Waves



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### Officers

- Commodore: Steve McMahon
- Vice Commodore: Dick Kornely
- Rear Commodore: Tim Hecker
- Treasurer: Tim Hecker
- Secretary: Heidi Koch
- Auxiliary President: Sandra Murray

### Board of Directors

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- Tim Hecker 920.901.8944
- Don Cislser 920.652.0468
- Jim Kocian 920.905.1650
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- Keith Laurent 920.901.8096
- Dick Kornely 920.682.9258
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### Committee Chairs

- House: Jim Kocian
- Building: Keith Laurent
- Grounds & Outside: Don Cislser
- Fleet Captain: Tracy Virnoche
- Sailing: Gary D'Aoust
- Social: Kris Klein
- Finance: Dick Kornely
- Membership: Brian Muench
- Technology: Heidi Koch
- Lease: Karl Birkenstock
- Donations: Don Brisch
- Waves: Heidi Koch
- Club Historian: Ron Stokes
- Bar Manager: Maureen Shebesta
- Clothing: Tom Spear

## Letter from Commodore Steve McMahon



AHOY - Permission to come aboard?

As has been said before, "wow, time sure goes by fast." This is my last article as Commodore and I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to

serve the MYC. It's been an enjoyable, interesting, eye-opening, and informative year. This position sure gave me a chance to really get to know many of the members. If you don't come down to the Club very often you're missing good refreshments, good conversation, and a good time!

This was a busy year at the MYC. Along with all the usual happenings/events, we successfully hosted the Inter-Club Party, and rebuilt the interior and exterior East wall of the White Swan room plus put in new windows. The White Swan room project was all done with VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE MYC! THANKS!

**DON'T FORGET - DUES HAVE TO BE IN OUR HANDS BY MIDNIGHT DEC. 31st!!!!**

The Ladies Auxiliary have done an excellent job of decorating our Christmas tree and the rest of the Club.

They don't get all the credit they deserve for what they do, so if you see them at the Club - say "THANK YOU".

Change of Watch is December 8th, sign-up for a good time. The kids Christmas Party is December 15th with Santa peddling/dropping in at 3pm.

Along with your dues statement was a form for ordering a magnetic name tag (\$10.00), which is very nice looking. With 300 active members and 70 plus/minus, life/widow/apprentice members, I think we need a way to know who everyone is. So far with the dues that have come in quite a few members are ordering!

I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for the time and effort they put in this year. It's an elected volunteer job and they sure do have the best interests of the MYC in mind. Plus, they had to put up with me! THANKS!

Thank you to the committee heads for keeping the Club operating in a positive way. Thank you to our bar manager Maureen!

Congratulations to Dick, Tim, Heidi, and John, our incoming Officers for 2013! I know you each care about the continuing success of the MYC. If you need anything next year, call me.

Thanks to everybody that's pitched in, in any way this year at the Club. There are too many of you to name individually, and I don't want to miss someone, but you know who you are.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

THANKS, *Steve*

**Reminder:**  
**An annual “mailed”**  
**newsletter**  
**subscription is**  
**available for \$20.**  
**Please subscribe**  
**by dropping your**  
**mailing address and**  
**payment down the**  
**mailslot or include**  
**with your dues by**  
**December 31, 2012.**

## Committee News

### House Committee

*Jim Kocian, Chairman*

Another year has come to an end and for the most part it has been a good year even though we hit some bumps here at the end of the year.

I can tell you we are going to make some changes with our vendors, along with adjusting pricing on some items on our menu.

I also will be back as House Chairman again in 2013. I enjoy working with Brian, Maureen and the rest of our dedicated staff.

A BIG Thank You goes out to all our members who come down to the club, whether during the week or attending our Friday nights.

Enjoy the Holidays with family and friends! Hope to see you in 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 905.1650.

### Dues Notice

Dues are \$175 for 2013 and must be paid by December 31, 2012. Members not paid by deadline will be terminated per by-laws.

### Reminder - Winter Parking

As a courtesy to our members with ‘Disabled’ tags, visible on their vehicles, the Board of Directors is asking able-bodied members to refrain from using the front row parking during the winter months – especially on Friday evenings. Although the club is code compliant with the number of ‘Disabled Parking’ spaces available to members (three) there are a few occasions when more spaces would be nice. The problem is we only have so much space. We do not want to make this a permanent change in that striping and signage would need to be involved and then these spaces would not be fully utilized. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for helping to keep the club safe for everyone.



### Ladies Auxiliary

*Sandie Murray, President*

The Ladies Auxiliary met on November 5 at the Yacht Club where “Skippy the Clown” entertained us following our regular meeting. We learned all that it takes to be a clown, and that it’s a very rewarding experience to be able to make people laugh.

The Auxiliary Christmas party will be held on December 3. We will have a potluck dinner before we begin our fundraising activities from which the proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for four local families. A silent auction, the Caring Tree raffle and a monetary donation are some of the ways we raise money to fund this event.

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



# Calendar

## Event Details

### Change of Watch

Saturday December 8  
Cocktails begin at 530pm  
Dinner 7pm sharp



An event to honor outgoing commodore Steve McMahon and to welcome incoming commodore Dick Kornely. Also the final membership meeting of the year. Entertainment and dancing to follow dinner! Fat Brass 8pm-midnight.

### Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 15 1-4pm  
Crafts/Frost Cookies/Make Ornaments  
Santa at 3pm with pizza following  
Free - Sign-up on bulletin board



## Check out the club bulletin board for:

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

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.  
[www.manitowocoyachtclub.com/calendar.html](http://www.manitowocoyachtclub.com/calendar.html)

## DECEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Vikings/Packers Noon	3 Ladies Aux. 7pm	4	5	6	7 Catfish Clothing Sale	8 Change of Watch
9 Lions/Packers 720pm	10	11 Steak Night 530pm	12 Private Party 4-8pm	13	14 Roasted Duck	15 Children's Christmas Party
16 Packers/Bears Noon	17 Board Meeting 6pm	18	19	20	21 Peel & Eat Shrimp	22
23 Titans/Packers Noon	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 No Dining	29
30 Packers/Vikings Noon	31 New Year's Eve					

## Online Newsletters

There is an archive of past newsletters on our website.

## Events cont.



### Football Parties

Come cheer on the Packers and the Badgers at the club! Bring a dish to pass and join the party!

The Packer schedule is loaded into our online calendar so check for dates!

### Party Planners

Time to start planning parties for 2013! Stop in on January 6 to reserve the date for your annual club parties. It is also a great time to offer ideas for new parties.

### Maritime Museum Event

The Great Lakes in the War of 1812 Saturday, January 19 1pm.

Joel Stone, Senior Curator of the Detroit Historical Society, will discuss the impact the War of 1812 had on the people of the upper Great Lakes, both American and Canadian. While war histories inevitably involve soldiers and battles, the stories he will explore are those of individuals: women, farmers, Native Americans, families.

## JANUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day Rose Bowl	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Walleye	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Private Party	<b>7</b> Ladies Aux. 7pm	<b>8</b> Steak Night 530pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Broiled Salmon w/Dill Sauce	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Sauteed Shrimp	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Board Meeting 6pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Roasted Duck	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

## Give Back to the Community!

Commodore Steve McMahon and the Manitowoc Yacht Club are collecting toys for the Toys for Tot Program. Please drop off a new, unwrapped toy on the pool table at the club. All donations stay in our community. Here is an overview of the program:



### U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program

#### MISSION:

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

#### GOAL:

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

#### OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

#### ACTIVITIES:

The principal Toys for Tots activity which takes place each year is the collection and distribution of toys in the communities in which a Marine Corps Reserve Unit is located. In communities without a Reserve Unit, the campaign can be conducted by a Marine Corps League Detachment or group of men and women, generally veteran Marines, authorized by Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to conduct a local Toys for Tots campaign. Local Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, which include golf tournaments, foot races, bicycle races and other voluntary events designed to increase interest in Toys for Tots, and concurrently generate toys and monetary donations.



## New Member Applications

Sponsor – Heidi Koch  
Applicant – Jim Dugan

## Membership Handbook

*The 2012-2013 Membership Handbook is all set to go. We cannot print the book until the ad spaces are filled.*

*\$50 - small (1/8 page)  
\$75 - medium (1/4 page)  
\$100 - large (1/2 page)  
Please contact*

*manitowocyachtclub@gmail.com for more details.*

# Picture Page

Please Submit  
Digital Photos

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*Thanks to Scott Wagner for keeping the Tom & Jerry Party tradition going! He did a magnificent job!*



## Stay informed:

*Attend the Monthly Membership Meetings! Always the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm.*



*Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes! We had a wonderful selection!*

## Member Page

Special "Thank You" to Tom Moore for submitting this great article!

### Manitowoc Yacht Club Members are Tough Mudders

If crawling on your belly through mud, running through blazing kerosene-soaked hay bales, swimming under water, navigating underground tunnels, climbing 12 foot walls, jumping off 20' tower and getting zapped by 10,000 volts sound like your idea of fun you might just be a Tough Mudder.

Tough Mudder events are hardcore 12 mile obstacle courses with two dozen military-style obstacles, held in countries around the globe, that challenge individuals both at the physical as well as mental strength. The 2012 Wisconsin event was held on September 9th near Cascade in Sheboygan County.

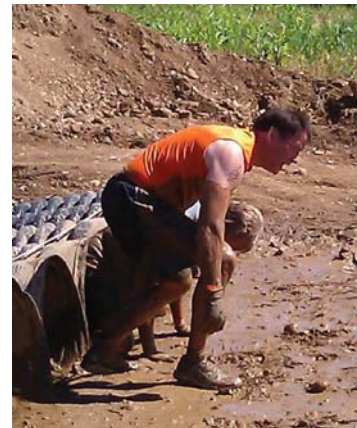
Almost a year ago the event caught the attention of Chuck Barnowsky and Tom Moore who were intrigued by the degree of difficulty which seemed the perfect way to test what they were made of.



Team Moore-Chaos From right to left Tom Moore, Max Barnowsky, Jerry Lyon, Jim Loppnow, Julio Huizar-Hernandez, Michelle Richardson, Danny Petrelka and Chuck Barnowsky

After registering and paying the entry fee there was no turning back. By the time the Tough Mudder event came to Wisconsin they had an eight member team called Moore- Chaos that tackled the course and lived to tell the story.

Although the Manitowoc Yacht Club Tough Mudders felt well prepared they did admit to having some doubts over the three hour event especially when seeing EMTs treating participants for sprains strains and injuries along the course route. The course offered diverse obstacles in hopes of tapping into an individual's fears such as water, confined spaces, heights or electric shock to name a few. If you are driven to complete a Tough Mudder you have no alternative but to confront and overcome fears you encounter along the course.



Chuck Barnowsky in yellow shirt atop Berlin Wall helping others over

Tom Moore crawling out of Boa Constrictor, partially submerged culvert

"If I had to choose one word to explain the experience it would have to be 'awesome', says Chuck Barnowsky". Chuck went onto say, "In addition to the cardio demands of running 12 miles the most consistent demand from many of the obstacles was upper body strength. The cardio and strength training offered through Crossfit worked especially well in preparing us for the Tough Mudder and contributed to our team's solid performance. Lastly, he added, "When completing a Tough Mudder you cannot help but feel a sense of accomplishment as well creating lasting memories with family and friends.

"Twelve miles of sweat, mud and challenging obstacles along the way, certainty guaranteed to met my expectations ," Said Tom Moore. He added, "A number of the obstacles tested my fortitude, but the most unpleasant was the obstacle called Electric Shock Therapy that involved negotiating a maze of vertical wires that if touched delivered a walloping 10,000 volt shock. " He further explained, "I was almost ¾ the way through the wires, thinking I have this thing dominated, when to my amazement I found myself laying in the mud face down wondering who just knocked me down. After a second to realize my face plant was the result of touching a wire I made sure to avoid another one at all costs. I slithered on my belly like a snake the rest of the way." He concluded by saying, "It was a very rewarding experience on a number of different levels. One being the camaraderie and team spirit fostered in such an event not to mention the sense of accomplishment with bragging rights.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Tough Mudder can do so at: <http://toughmudder.com/>



The senior half of Team Moore-Chaos from right to left Tom Moore, Michelle Richardson, Chuck Barnowsky and Jim Loppnow

## 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! Drop them off at the club, mail to The Waves' attention or email [manitowocyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:manitowocyachtclub@gmail.com). We hope to make the waves more informative and interesting!

## December Events

December 3 Ladies Auxiliary 7pm

December 11 Steak Night 530pm (Commodore)

December 15 Children's Christmas Party 1pm

December 17 Board Meeting 6pm

