

Caretakers Corner

Welcome to 2010

It's been awhile since I've put out a newsletter and I don't have much of a reason for my neglect; however, I will try to do better. As most of you are aware, I have been preparing the newsletter for this Club for several years. Hopefully the information in this newsletter is helpful to you (our members) and to your families.

The season came to an end and the Clubhouse is now closed for the winter, except for some weekends that will be listed on the "www.mcboatharborllc.com" web site. I have been granted permission from the Board of Directors and the Winona County Health department to continue remodeling inside the Club; this will be completed before we open in the spring. Hopefully it will be to your liking.

For those of you who are leaving your boats on Club property for the winter, please remember that the Club is not responsible for any thefts or damages to your boat, it is the owners responsibility to check on their boat from time to time, and to carry your own insurance. Also, keep in mind that there is always the possibility of an early spring flood.

Thinking ahead to next season, May 15th is the date that boat owners who leave their boats on Club property (this includes the parking lot), are required to put their boats back into the water (weather and flood water permitting), however, I would like to ask all of you to put your boats back in as soon as possible after ice out. We had several areas on the grounds last year where the grass did not grow back because some boats were left on it for too long.

I know that this part of my message only applies to a few, but when you remove your boat and put it back in, please pickup and remove all of the blocks and timbers used for storing your boat. Picking up any trash and beer cans around your boat would also be very helpful. For those who do not want to pickup after themselves, you will be charged a fee for this service.

Some of you may have seen that we have removed C-dock. It will be replaced this winter. We have received the framing for the new C-dock and work will begin in February. Please check the Club web site for the date when we will be applying the wood to the dock itself as your help will be needed. When the dock is complete it will be attached to both B-dock and D-dock allowing us to put electrical power on B-dock. For those members on B-dock and D-dock you will have access to electrical power on the dock for the charging of your boat batteries or cleaning of your boat, for many it will mean that they no longer have to lug heavy batteries back and forth on the docks. For those of you on A and B dock, I kept my word, B-dock has been moved 5' 6" farther

away from A-dock on the harbor side, and on the shore side we moved the dock 11', hopefully this will help.

Harbor Day 2009

Aug 29th was selected as the date for our Harbor Day Celebration, and it was a hit! We stopped selling tickets at 3:30 PM, and had served all 850 meals by 4:30 PM. I would like to personally **“Thank”** all of you who helped out with the event. We all owe a big “THANK YOU” to Julie and Rocky Volkman. I can tell you that if not for Julie and Rocky and their behind the scenes activities there would not have been a Harbor Days. The Harbor Day Committee uses the monies from Harbor Day for the improvement of the Club and surrounding area. The Committee was responsible for the creation of the new playground area for the children. They purchased the new flag pole, and paid for the flag. They also purchased all of the grey colored picnic tables, and hot and cold food server containers that were used on Harbor Day.

Concerns

We need you!!!! Please put some time aside and come to our Board meetings. There is only one meeting a month during our operating season. That meeting is on the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting starts at 7 pm, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We need your input.

Reminders

- The speed limit is 5 MPH around the club house and on all roads. The children that are playing are either your children or your friends. Let's keep everyone safe. Slow down!!
- Our rules state that boathouse owner are responsible for the area in front of their boathouses, please keep things cleaned up and put things away that may be a safety issue for children or pets.
- While in the Clubhouse please try to reduce the use of bad language. Most of us are aware and careful of our words around our own spouse, children and grandchildren, but don't always think about it around others in the Club House.
- All children under the age of 12 must have a life vest on while on our docks and are to be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
- Keep in mind that all boat trailers in our parking lot are required to have the owners name on the trailer tongue.
- In accordance with our Club rules no one is allowed to attach anything to the new docks without board approval. (this is for safety reasons).

Events

On February 6th 2010 Rocky Volkman will be holding an ice fishing tournament at the Boat Club in the harbor, please stop out and join in the fun. The Clubhouse will be open on Feb. 6th & 7th till the end of the Super Bowl game.

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This year several projects were completed:

- Removal of the old E dock and all of the spuds.
- The new D dock installation.
- Rewiring of both the old D dock and the new D dock.
- Removal of the old C dock.
- Completion of the playgrounds for our younger members.

None was more satisfying than the completion of the playgrounds for our young members. This project was paid for by the Harbor Day Committee, with Dave McQuendale donating the equipment, and Rocky Volkman, Rick Przytarski, Tom Lozenski, Troy Pozanc, and Harry Rackow installing the equipment. Even though there were some who questioned the project, it turned out that the play area is a big hit with the children!

In closing, I want to thank all of you who make our Club the success that it is. I hope that all of you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a fun, safe & Happy New Year.

**Thank You,
Bob R. Schei**

Board Members

Doug Block	President
Rocky Volkman	V- President
Tom Lozenski	
Mark Walters	
Ron Schneider	
Travis Buxengard	
Dave Schultz	
Jim Hansen	Secretary/Treasurer

The Board holds a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, (during the boating season) at 7 P.M. They are hoping that you as members will attend, since this is your club and without your input they can only act on their own knowledge and thought's. Please, if you have Club business, come to a meeting and bring it up, as it takes the board as a whole to make a decision on Club business, not just one member of the board.

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