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A Message From Your Commodore

Ringin In The New Year 2006!

Happy Holidays to you and yours and a toast to the New Year! Hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. Our Bridge Officers, Executive Committee and staff as a group have grown over the past year. I want to share with you a picture from the Labor Day "Change of Watch" to acknowledge all those that volunteer their time to make this club so successful each and every year. Please take a moment this summer to introduce yourself and thank these wonderful people for the dedication and giving of their talents to this great club.

The fall has seen another active work weekend. With the removal of some large shrubbery, we will be ready for an under ground sprinkler system in the front lawn next season. New windows have been ordered and will be installed in Room 1 this winter along with plans for replacing the old space heaters with new efficient units. The house electrical system will be completely reviewed this winter and a schedule will be put into place to address any concerns. The house has been completely

painted and a new coat was put on the barn this fall. As with any "old house", staying on top of the maintenance is a key issue.

If you happen to be in Chicago in March, please plan on attending the Annual Spring MIYC Dinner. It is always a fun time had by all and the Chicago Yacht Club is a beautiful place to host this annual event. See details inside this newsletter.

The calendar for the year has been planned and can be reviewed on our website. When you are planning your summer social events, please think of us first for your catering needs. Our General Manager and staff our booking events and planning parties all through the winter. Please call the club for room reservations and special food service events now to lock in your dates.

Have a warm winter and look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sue Webster
Commodore 2005-2006

Room Reservations

Laura Ness is handling our room reservations during the off season. Please leave a message for Laura at the club phone number 906-847-3363 with your 2006 reservation requests. Laura will return your call within a few days.

Membership

by Stephen Schiller, Secretary

We are looking for contact information for the following individuals on our wait list: Robert Koffman & Gary Merritt. Please contact Secretary Schiller via email at maitretous@comcast.net if you know how to reach Robert or Gary.

Bicycle Rule Update

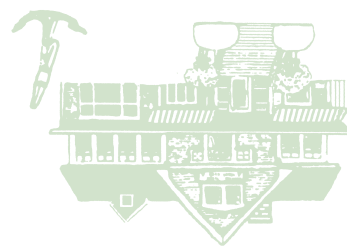
Any member who chooses to leave a bicycle on the Yacht Club premises must register at the front desk. Bicycles must not be chained together when left in the "barn". They must be left free to be moved, if necessary, by Club personnel. It is strongly suggested that any member bringing a bicycle(s) to the island see that it is properly licensed through the Island police department. Bicycles found on the premises which have not been registered at the Club's desk will be given to the Island police for disposition. This rule becomes effective on June 1, 2006.



Change Of Watch



Left to right 1st row Sara Wessel, Laura Ness, 2nd row, Secretary and Judge Advocate Stephen Schiller, Treasurer David Rowe, Rear Com. Jack Keck, Jr., Vice Com. Win Cooper III, Com. Sue Webster, Chaplain Rev. Dr. Vincent Carroll, Exec. Com. Rita Sue Cohen, General Mgr. Tim McCleery, Fleet Surgeon Dr. Yvan Silva, Past Com. Bart Huthwaite, Sr., Past Com. Richard Cregar, Past Com. Bill Platten.



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2005 Labor Day Regatta Awards Presentation



Chambers Wins Labor Day Regatta

Islander Mark Chambers won the 11th Annual Horn's Bar Labor Day Regatta around Mackinac. The race was held in near-perfect sailing conditions Sunday, September 4, and the finish proved to be exciting, with sailors dodging freighters and ferry boats while jockeying to be first to finish.

Mr. Chambers sailed his winning boat, "Snow Goose", at a corrected finish of 1 hour, 29 minutes. His crew included Steve Humphrey and Pope Johnson, both of Columbia, South Carolina and Mackinac Island.

Coming in second place was Rick Luxon of Atlanta, Michigan, third place went to Bart Huthwaite, Sr. of Mackinac Island Yacht Club. Fourth and fifth place went to Dave Nordstrom and David Rowe of MIYC.

Awards were presented at the MIYC Clubhouse following the race. Race sponsors and MIYC members Patti Ann and Steve Moskwa provided food and refreshments for skippers, crew, and family members.

Spring Dinner

By Sue Webster, Commodore 2005-2006

The 12 + 1 Annual MIYC Spring Dinner at the Chicago Yacht Club.

As you can see, I am just a little superstitious! Well, it is *almost* that time again to remember the warm summer breezes sitting in a wicker rocking chair on the porch of the Yacht Club waiting for the dinner bell to ring. But to help you recall those fond memories, come celebrate with your fellow yacht club members and attend the Annual MIYC Spring Dinner at the Chicago Yacht Club. This year the date has been set for **Wednesday, March 15th**. With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner, we will add an Irish flair to the party and require green to be the attire for the evening. The menu will include such items as corn beef and cabbage and Irish stew along with other Irish specialties. Please contact me, Sue Webster, with your reservation by **Sunday, March 5th**. I can be reached at 773-935-2978. "May the luck of the Irish be with you."



FALL 2005 WORK WEEKEND

Mackinac Manitoulin Yacht Race



Mackinac Island Yacht Club, Little Current Yacht Club, and Bayview Yacht Club are pleased to announce the sailing of the third Mackinac Manitoulin International Yacht Race to be held July 19-21, 2006. Jim Rodgers of Bayview Yacht Club will serve as Race Committee Chair. Jim had previously been serving as Principal Race Officer of the event for 2004 and 2005.

The Mackinac Manitoulin race was introduced as a Third Mackinac Race in 2004 to complement the existing Port Huron and Chicago to Mackinac Races. This race provides a challenging race from Mackinac Island to Manitoulin Island in Canada. The race is sponsored jointly by Mackinac Island Yacht Club, Little Current Yacht Club, and Bayview Yacht Club. The Race will start on Mackinac Island on July 19th, and finish in Little Current on July 21st. The Pre-Race events will be held at Mackinac Island Yacht Club on July 18th for all participants.

The Mackinac to Manitoulin Race is the only race that provides a venue with pre-race activities to take place on Mackinac Island. This is truly an International event with fleets comprised US and Canadian vessels. The course for the race is approximately 120 miles in length with two legs. Leg 1 will be starting on Mackinac Island with a layover in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island on Thursday night, July 20th. The race will resume with Leg 2 on Friday, July 21st starting at the previous day's finish line, racing to Little Current as the finish line.

We are very enthused about our participation in continuing this great yacht racing tradition. This is truly an international event with an opportunity for two neighboring islands, Mackinac and Manitoulin, and two great countries to provide a very worthwhile project in promoting the common bond and love of sailing and boating. There are longer races on the Great Lakes but there are very few that will require such a high degree of precision navigation through the Canadian North Channel.

Information on the Mackinac Manitoulin Yacht Race is at www.lcyc.ca.

Website



By Jack Keck Jr., Rear Commodore

We have added several new features to our club website since our last newsletter. Please visit the website at www.miyachtclub.com. We have added a Member Only Section that contains a photo section, information forum, and a copy of our member wait list. Please use the following ID and Password to access the Members Only section of the website. ID = Round, Password = Island. Visit the Events section of the website for 2006 Key Dates.