



# Commodore's Summer Message

July 2008



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M&M Yacht Club  
**DOCK TALK**

Long time MMYC member and past commodore, Ike Stephenson always ends his articles and messages with "Think Warm Sunny Sailing Weather". Obviously, we have not been thinking that hard enough because our spring weather has been anything but warm and sunny. The marina had very few boats in the water until the last week or so of May and even now, there are still some boats that have not been launched for the season.

Our sail racing season has already begun with our Wednesday night race series as well as a couple of weekend sailing races. June races were light in participation but we hope that July will see more participation.

I know that, because of the lousy weather and my hectic travel schedule, I was not able to participate in the early races and just managed to get in the last Wednesday night race in June.

Just looking over the web sites for various race events, I find that the number of participants in races seems to be off this year. With the exception of the Chicago to Mackinaw race this year, all fleets seem to be down a little.

This year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> sailing of the Chicago / Mac and their number of racers has exceeded 400 boats!!! What a sight that will be on the starting line and all the way up the lake. Herb Wake will be flying our MMYC burgee for the race on his boat, Twister. Go get 'em Herb!!!!

The planning for the Hundred Miler is well under way with Rear Commodore, Peg Stearn once again heading up the event. In addition to the Hundred Miler, she and her crew have also been planning for the finish of the Hook Race here in Menominee.

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the "Hook" which started in 1984 and finished for the first two years in Menominee. In fact, Ed Nelson from our club was one of the event's organizers in the early years. Years following 1986 saw the race finishing in Sturgeon Bay.

The race is sponsored by the Racine Yacht Club

and will travel up Lake Michigan through Death's Door and will finish in Menominee. The race takes place on the same weekend as the Chicago / Mac so we'll be finishing boats on Sunday and Monday the week before the Hundred Miler.

We are very grateful to Peg and her crew for getting the race to finish here in Menominee; "back to its roots" as the race flier proclaims. There are sign up sheets at our club to help as volunteers for both the Hook and the Hundred Miler. Please go down to the Club and sign up or give Peg a call to assist in the multitude of tasks that need to be completed in order for these events to be successful.

Our Board has recently been working with a newly formed sailing club up at Northern Michigan University. We are currently investigating how we can transfer our sail training Flying Junior boats up to their club. They will be using the boats both for sail training as well as competitive sailing. We'll have more on this as we get further down the road with them.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and all of the skippers who donated their time and boats to this year's "Meet The Fleet" event. Once again, it was an outstanding success with well over 100 people getting rides.

This year we saw a new twist as we had two power boats that also provided rides. With the price of fuel this year, we especially want to thank those boats for their very generous donation. It was a gorgeous day with only one brief rain shower. This didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits and I've heard only good reviews from both the skippers and the participants.

Thanks also to our Sea Scout unit for coordinating the ride schedules and making sure people got to the proper boats on time.

I'll close by stealing Ike's line and this time I really want all of you to "Think Warm Sunny Sailing Weather". There is still plenty of summer left for us to enjoy activities out on the water and down at the marina.

Mitch Hubert, Commodore

**Double Hander Party**  
 Friday, August 22 at 6:00 pm  
 The Dynamic Duo will perform for our  
 Double Hander pre-party!  
 Volunteers are needed: Contact Laura Chaltry if  
 you are interested in helping.  
 Please RSVP by August 20 to 715-587-8278

You are invited!



Please attend!



# Boating Safety

This won't be new information for most of you, but sometimes even the most experienced boaters need a little reminder.

All boats, no matter the size, require one life jacket (PFD, Personal Flotation Device) for each person aboard. Though not required (except for children under 13 who are topside), a life jacket should be worn at all times when the vessel is underway. The best life jacket is one that you will wear. Some safety equipment, including life jackets, must be US Coast Guard approved (check the label).

Another important issue is a boating course. A US Coast Guard course is available by calling 1-866-BOATABC or at: [www.americasboatingcourse.com](http://www.americasboatingcourse.com). Wisconsin DNR Service Center (see below) also provides the Wisconsin Boating Safety Course.

Have you had your Vessel Safety check this year? You can schedule one with our local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla by leaving word with the Harbor Master's Office at Menominee Marina, or by calling Valerie Hallam at 906-863-3624, Mac McCullough at 906-863-1136 or Jim Goodman at 715-735-9646. Twenty boats were already inspected on Saturday, June 7. No guarantees, but some insurance companies may lower your premium if you get a Vessel Safety Check and/or take a boating safety course.

For more complete information on boating safety, pick up copies of the following: "Federal Requirements & Safety Tips" (in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary rack next to the soda machine at the Yacht Club), "The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities" (available from Michigan DNR 517-373-1230 or

[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)), "Wisconsin Boating Regulations" (call the local DNR Service Center or [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/enforcement/safety/upcoming](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/enforcement/safety/upcoming)). The US Coast Guard also has a boating safety info line at 1-800-368-5647 or visit [USCGBoating.org](http://USCGBoating.org).

If you are interested in helping promote water safety, come to a US Coast Guard Auxiliary meeting. We meet the first Monday of each month (excepting holidays) and run a short piece in the EagleHerald advising of the meeting, which is at 1900 (7:00pm) at MMYC. Membership is open to both men & women, and boat ownership is not a requirement. We need all the help we can get!

Fair winds and following seas –

Mac McCullough

US Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Membership Committee Report

I'd like to thank those for joining the membership committee this year. The first order of business is to complete this year's membership directory.

Once the committee finalizes the layout the 2008 directory it will be mailed out to all of our members.

The committee will also be doing some brain storming on how we can open membership to businesses and corporations in 2009. The ideas will then be presented to the board and membership at large for approval. We hope to have a business membership option available for the 2009 season.

This year to date our yacht club is just a little under last year's levels of 180 paid memberships. We are very excited about the opportunity to improve next season's membership numbers.

We have noted that other yacht clubs have a membership drive contest where current members that sign up new members have their names entered in a season end raffle for an all expense paid week end trip to a local resort. We hope to implement ideas like this one, with the board's approval, next year to help increase membership and to make the process fun.

Al Walker, Membership Committee Chair



**T**wenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines.  
Sail away from the safe harbor.  
Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.

– Mark Twain



# MMYC Burgee Collection

Are you planning a trip? If so, consider visiting a Yacht Club and making a burgee exchange in order to add to our MMYC Burgee Collection.

Started in 2000, our burgee collection is growing rapidly and presents a beautiful display in our Clubhouse.

Members who wish to participate in a burgee exchange should contact either Sue Mars or Bill St.Martin to pick up one of our burgees and return collected burgees. There is no cost to you if you complete the exchange.

If you'd like to purchase a burgee of your own, they are \$20 each.

To view our current collection of burgees go to our website at: [www.mmyc.org/mmycburgeecollection.html](http://www.mmyc.org/mmycburgeecollection.html)

## Recent Addition to Burgee Collection



Wayzata Yacht Club, MN burgee received from Ed Rowe & Laura Chaltry

## In Gratitude

Thank you to Ike Stephenson for presenting the Club with a picture of our late Commodore Bob Hood's vessel *Arrowhead*. The picture will hang prominently on the wall of our Clubhouse.

# Discover

## M&M Yacht Club

**Memberships Available!**  
**Family \$90/yr**  
**Single \$60/yr**

[www.mmyc.org](http://www.mmyc.org)

MMYC advertisement in the  
2008 Waterfront Festival Schedule of Events

## 2008 Calendar of Events

### July

- 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 Miller Warm-Up race – TBA
- Fri. 25 100 Miller Pre-Party\* – 6:00 pm ❖ Music: Check 1-2 ❖
- Sat. 26 100 Miller – 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 ❖ Music: Dynamic Duo ❖
- 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 ❖ Music: Little Cisco ❖
- 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 ❖ Music: Kelly McGuire & Friends ❖

## Code of Conduct

M&M Yacht Club members and their guests are expected to follow a normally acceptable code of conduct, behaving as ladies, gentlemen, and yachtsmen at all times; operating their watercraft and conducting themselves in a safe and courteous manner while realizing that the actions of MMYC members, on the water or on land, can reflect upon the integrity and the reputation of MMYC.

The following conduct is not acceptable: foul language; defacing, destruction or theft of property; and disrespectful behavior to others.

M&M Yacht Club members must take responsibility for their guests, as well.

Based upon the seriousness of an incident, the Flag Officers may impose membership suspension or membership cancellation.



# The M & M Yacht Club

Menominee, MI - Marinette, WI

Established in 1935

P.O. Box 232  
Menominee, MI 49858



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**We're on the web!**

[www.mmyc.org](http://www.mmyc.org)

## 100 Miler & Hook Race News

Our feature regatta is almost here.  
The 100 Miler is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Hook Race Returns

The Hook is coming in on Sunday,  
July 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. To  
help finish the fleet Sunday night  
through Monday morning, the Hook  
Committee is looking for volunteers.  
There will be a sign up sheet inside our  
Club. Let's give them a hand and a big  
welcome! Several of the boats are  
sticking around for the week. They are  
invited to join our Wednesday Night  
Race and our Friday Warm-Up Race.  
They also have a large cruising fleet  
that comes along with them; this fleet  
will be staying at Nestegg.

### 100 Miler Tradition Continues

The Friday 100 Miler Party will start  
at 5:30 for diners. The main course  
will be steak and whitefish with seating  
for 150. Early entry discounts will  
lapse on July 12. Reservations may be  
made by filling out the entry form  
available online at [www.mmyc.org](http://www.mmyc.org).  
The dining area will be cleared at 8:00,

at that point a \$5.00 entrance fee will  
be charged which includes: live music  
by the local band "Check 1 - 2", cash  
bar, beer, wine and soda.

### Our Success Depends on Volunteers

Last year, we had a very successful  
event because of the volunteers.  
Hopefully we will outdo ourselves this  
year. We still need volunteers for the  
following areas: wristband sales at the  
door Friday evening. Drink ticket sales  
for Sunday (Hook), Monday (Hook),  
Friday party and Saturday party. The  
tent set up and fencing on Sunday  
afternoon will need extra hands.  
Contact Mary Bradley if you want to  
help as a runner or server either  
evening. The parties and the bar are  
where we need to make our money, so  
volunteer support is very important for  
us.

Entries are coming in. We will have  
new and familiar faces visiting and we  
want to give them a good time. As  
usual, I don't know how many boats

will be here until 6:00 pm Friday the  
25<sup>th</sup>, but it will be a very large event.  
I've already been told of several boats  
who will try to make our Friday race.  
Even if you don't sail, please join in the  
fun! This event is for every member of  
our club.

I extend a big THANK YOU to all of  
our volunteers and helpers.

Peg Stearn, Rear Commodore  
100 Miler Chair

