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## WELCOME...

to the brand new MYC News. We've given the "News for MYC'ers" a new look that might even include the occasional photo (assuming you send us one). Let us know what you think: [membership@mendotayc.org](mailto:membership@mendotayc.org).

## ON THE WATER

### **FOUR! CUATRO! VIER! ЧЕТЫРЕ!!**

No matter how you say it, there are only four days until the first gun of the MYC sailing season!!! Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the start of the Spring Series!!

## OFF THE WATER

### **Commodore's Spring Banquet – Islandpalooza Recap!**

We had over 70 members attend this year's 2010 Spring Banquet. The themed Caribbean Dinner/Concert with special guest Jimmy Buffett was a success. Our members pulled out their favorite island wear, to include grass skirts and flip flops, just ask Rhonda. Rhonda won a very special floral bikini top, which I know Lon will request worn on the E Scow this summer. Shelly and Liz did their best to incorporate a blow up Parrot in every picture taken. Grant was kind enough to hand them the camera for historical/web purposes and I know he got some great photos. Bishops Bay did a fantastic job with the buffet. I heard many compliments on the food, my favorite was the pulled pork. Thanks again to all our members who attended. I hope you had a great time catching up with friends and family. - Trey Sprinkman, Commodore

### **"Who ya gonna call?"**

Do you need to a good builder, boat dealer, painter, lawyer, carpet cleaner, shore work or ....??? The next time you're looking for a reliable service provider or a quality product, please choose one of the businesses advertising in the MYC directory. These are the businesses that support our club so let's support them in return - please remember to tell them "Thanks for supporting Mendota Yacht Club" so they keep supporting us in the future! (Membership directories were handed out at the Spring Banquet, those not in attendance should be receiving theirs in the mail shortly.)

### **Burrow's Park Pier In**

A big thanks to those that showed up at pier in. This was the lowest turn out that I've seen, but in spite of the numbers we persevered and got the job done. The piers and rails are in and ready for use. If you're looking for work hours, there is still plenty to do, e.g. leveling the piers and rebuilding rail spurs. Members storing their boats at Burrows Park can earn \$10/hr back, up to \$100 off their storage fees!!! Contact Myles Sommerfeldt at [myles2go@charter.net](mailto:myles2go@charter.net).

### **Maple Bluff Pier-in**

Maple Bluff pier in went very smoothly this year, weather included. It took less than 30 min, not a record but in the top 10 according to Anna. Thanks to Jerry and Joye for bringing coffee and donuts. Thanks again to Anna, Robert, Scotty, Peggy, Brian, Paul, Ralph, and anyone else that should be included in this list but was forgotten. -Dane Vermillion, Keelboat Captain

### **MYC Board of Directors**

Your Board of Directors has had a busy spring. MYC Secretary Barbie Stimpson has this report:

**FEBRUARY**

- **Nick Haemel**, our ILYA Delegate, reported on the Winter Inlands.
- The **Stuart Seffern Crew Member of the Year** trophy was created from a 1911 trophy, which to be awarded annually by the commodore.
- **Jamie Hanson** and **Greg Simon** discussed the Opti program goal to socialize kids and their parents into the sailing community. The kids will race on Saturday before the Payton Regatta pig roast.
- **Lon Schoor** discussed the 2010 Collegiate National Regatta.
- **Carolyn Curry** discussed a new template for the Electronic Bilgeboard, to be called the "MYC News."

**MARCH**

- We will reconstitute the By-Laws, which haven't been updated in 20 years, to assure they reflect current practices.

**APRIL**

- Board approved donation of \$500 to Friends of Burrows Park
- Reviewed amendment process for reconstituted by-laws, will meet on July 20 to complete updates, and will distribute August 23 with update notice to membership for final approval at annual business meeting September 22. By-laws will be published on the club website following final approval and thereafter.

**MAY**

- The PROs and Assistant RO's are all set and the race committee boats are ready to launch in time for the racing season.
- Registrations to date:  
Membership: 96 Individuals; 23 Families; 3 New.  
Racers: 32 Registered Race Boats.
- **Rick Trester**, ILYA Vice Commodore led a preliminary discussion on the viability of MYC hosting the 2012 Inland Lake Yachting Association Championship Regatta. A final decision on the 2012 venue will be made by the ILYA board at their October 2010 meeting.
- **Tim Stanton** presented and the board approved a proposal for implementation of a Mendota Yacht Club Member Access Website. The site will support automated maintenance and generation of all Directory content, enable individual updates of personal information, create a pilot test for iphone collection of race scores and feeds to the club scorer, and integrate with the club's existing public website to eliminate duplicative data maintenance of current club officers, fleets, etc.

**Improvements to Mendotayc.org coming soon...**

We're working on the MYC website which will soon have web addresses and links to our advertisers and sponsors so visit [www.mendotayc.org](http://www.mendotayc.org) and look for the links...we should have it up and running within the next week or two.

**Why can't I print the MYC News to read it?**

The MYC News is set up, and intended to be read in an email format. If you would like to be able to print it, please reply to this email ([Membership@mendotayc.org](mailto:Membership@mendotayc.org)) requesting a format change, and Carolyn Curry will make sure you receive it in a format that's easier to print. If you would like to print a copy, a PDF version is usually posted on mendotayc.org the same day MYC News is emailed out.

**Among the larger sailing community...****How do you get in shape for sailing season?**

"Well, the answer quite frankly comes down to proper conditioning. I've found that hours spent in a health club or fitness center is time wasted and could lead to injury or embarrassment on the boat. You need only concentrate on those muscle groups you'll be using the most! That is why I follow a sailing specific training regimen to keep me at peak "championship" condition." Find out more about the unique pre-season training regimen Lake Kegonsa sailor Steve Grant has developed!! <http://www.lksc.org/offseason.html>

**ICSA National Championships**

Coaches and sailors from the ILYA will compete next week in the 2010 Collegiate Nationals. The UW lakefront is preparing for the event with boats on loan from many ILYA clubs: Pewaukee, Oshkosh, Beulah, Mendota, Cedar, LaBelle, Geneva and the Barkow Family. Harken will parade its new boat. Summerset Marine has generously donated a 23 foot inflatable which will serve as the rotation boat. Race committee names will also be familiar: Chip Mann, Russ Ackley, Mark Prange, Terry Bischoff and Dennis Gazana, John Porter, Bre Schmidt, Suzi Reese, Matt and Bekka Schmidt, David and Candace Porter. And to top it off, ILYA members donated over \$20,000 to make this an extravaganza to remember. Merchandise thanks to the Fredman and Kiernan families. The list goes on and on for our Midwest supporters. To make a donation, volunteer or see the results, [click here](#).

**ICSA Regatta Socials**

There will be three socials, one for each of the regattas. Each social will have a theme.

Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>: *Caribbean Breeze* - Jerk chicken, rice, beans, teriyaki cole slaw. Hawaiian shirt contest! Calypso, salsa music.

Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>: *Go Badgers tailgate party* - Wear your colors to support the Wisco team! - Brats with all the fixings, Veggie Burgers, chips potato salad. Rumors are of a special UW Band and Bucky appearance

Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Onwards to the Olympics - London 2012* - Greek celebration - Gyros, greek salad - Maybe some fun and games on the lake front. No official word on Togas.

### **Learn more about Venetian Night 2010 - Nau-ti-gal Social My 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join a Boat Parade of Lights on Lake Mendota. Plan ahead for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Dane Buy Local Venetian Night. Please join us for a casual, informative get-together on Thursday May 27, 2010 at Nau-ti-gal from 5:00-7:00 pm. The fine folks at the Nau-ti-gal will be providing complimentary appetizers and a cash bar, of course! . Come show your support of the local businesses that keep Dane County and surrounding area unique, while building your local economy! RSVP: [DBLVenetianNight@gmail.com](mailto:DBLVenetianNight@gmail.com). Or contact: Kelly Starr-King @ 608-698-8000 or [DBLVenetianNight@gmail.com](mailto:DBLVenetianNight@gmail.com). To connect with one of our community's finest local businesses to sponsor your boat in the parade, see the directory at [www.danebuylocal.com](http://www.danebuylocal.com) and make some connections. The parade is limited to 40 boats... register soon!

### **Women's International Match Racing Association Invites You!**

Sheboygan Yacht Club and the Women's International Match Racing Association Invite You to Attend the World Premiere of the Video Documentary on WIMRA. Please join us Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Sheboygan Yacht Club at 6pm for reception with video presentation starting at 7pm. The 45-minute documentary highlights the organization that helped to get women's match-race sailing into the 2012 Olympics, will be introduced by Gary Jobson, Producer and ESPN Sailing Commentator, and Liz Baylis, world-class skipper and Executive Director of WIMRA. They will remain onhand following the video to answer questions and visit with guests. Event is complimentary and open to the public. Light snacks will be served and cash bar available. [View map and details here.](#)

### **ICSA Afterguard Alumni Regatta -Sunday May 30th**

This is an open event that will be held in sloop and techs. For more info go to <http://2010nationals.collegesailing.org/page/Alumni-Regatta> or contact Dierk Polzin at [Dierkp@gmail.com](mailto:Dierkp@gmail.com).

### **Take a Stake in the Lakes - Yahara Paddle Adventure, June 4-6, 2010**

Take a guided canoe/kayak trip on the Madison lakes using the Yahara Waterways Water Trail Guide. Starting on Mendota and ending on Kegonsa, learn about the environmental, cultural, and historical treasures of the Yahara waterways. Paddle and camp overnight for one or all four segments of the paddle. \$20 includes shuttles, Saturday lunch and camping. Bring your own breakfasts, snacks and evening meals.

To register, go to [www.takeastakeinthelakes.com](http://www.takeastakeinthelakes.com) and click on Yahara Chain Paddle. This event is part of Take a Stake in the Lakes Days 2010 and brought to you by Dane County Office of Lakes and Watersheds.

### **Sails for Haiti**

Do you have an old sail to donate? Maybe a boat cover or a bunch of old line? ILYA sailor, Brad Clinkingbeard of Lake Geneva is one of a group of builders heading for Haiti to help people displaced by recent earthquakes. He is collecting old sails, awnings, boat covers and tents for use as interim shelters. Please e-mail details (size, condition, location) to Brad at [bclink@charter.net](mailto:bclink@charter.net). (For information about the overall project see [rainmakerfundraising.org](http://rainmakerfundraising.org) and click on Haiti.)

### **Elvis, Rodney Dangerfield, John Philip Sousa and JFK.**

What experience do these luminaries and others have in common? Find out when you take a MSCR Social History Cruise this summer with Lake Mendota historian (and MYC member), Captain Don Sanford. Cruises depart from the MSCR pontoon boat dock on the Yahara River. Pick a date, then register at: <http://mscr.org/>  
 Saturday 6/19, 5-8 pm  
 Saturday 7/31, 9:30 am-12:30 pm  
 Saturday 8/7, 1-4 pm

## **ONGOING REMINDERS**

### **Have you paid your Dues?!**

The deadline for renewing membership dues has past! Please don't force some nice person to hunt you down and come up with another way to awkwardly remind you that you haven't paid. Pay your dues at [mendotayc.org](http://mendotayc.org) in the members section, or click this link: <http://www.mendotayc.org/registration.html>

**Newsworthy News**

Know of something that the entire club would benefit from hearing about? All MYC members are invited to contribute to the weekly news. Please don't hesitate to send material to Don Sanford at [dpsanford@charter.net](mailto:dpsanford@charter.net).

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