



BOARD NEWS:

September: Steve Griebel and Stacey Sisco from the IDNR were guests at the Board meeting. We had a question and answer session regarding what is the law on the waterways (mostly Big Sioux and Missouri River) and what is expected from boaters and passengers. Handbooks were distributed and will be available at the beginning of 2010 season for those who wish to have on their boat. This handbook will also be available at the clubhouse for those interested.

We also had guests from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, who presented ideas on a new tower and suggested possible solutions to improve the radio reception on site.

Because this is at the end of the season, they will be able to look into this request more in-depth over the winter and present cost options at the new season.

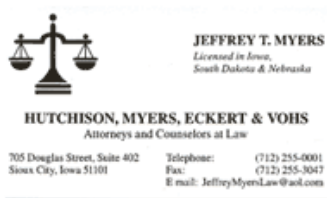


FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

There are still quite a few docks available for purchase. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining a dock (or you have a dock for sale), please contact me at 712/898-6785. We can certainly add your name to our list for 2010.

Docks Out is currently scheduled for October 17. Start time is 8:00a and barring any problems should be done around noon. If you are a dock owner, you **MUST** be present (or represented). Otherwise, you will be assessed an additional \$50 on top of the dock dues already in place. If you cannot make this very important event, you need to contact me or Dennis Butler or Curt Baker. Remember, these are your docks and it is your responsibility to help put them in and take them out.

NOTE: LIFTS, CANOPIES, CANOPY SUPPORT BRACKETS, DOCK BOXES, AND ALL OTHER ITEMS ON YOUR DOCK MUST ALL BE REMOVED BEFORE DOCKS OUT.



I would like to thank each and every one of you who has helped me this year, with the installation of the Yo Deck 5, putting up the dock canopies, helped with dock repair, and everything else we did this year. None of us can do any of this alone, and I appreciate your commitment and your dedication to the improvement / appearance of the docks and to keeping this club a very enjoyable place to be. A BIG thank you to all.

At this time, I do not know when we will have Docks In, but I'll keep you updated. With the weather and not knowing what we'll have for water level, it is hard to determine an exact date right now. Look for more information on this in the 2010 newsletters.

FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

The 7th Annual Poker Run was a huge success. We want to thank RiverTime, Olsen's Beach, Jeff Reinder's Beach (Pirate's Cove), Roger Clarke at Sandbar 5 (and Jim Gabel for letting us use his property), and of course our own Melody/Sonny Dawdy at the clubhouse for all your help in making this event very successful.

The weather once again was spectacular and I'm sure everyone had a great time.



As you know, this year's charity was the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Won't bore you with all of the financial details, but save it to say, they were very pleased with our donation and wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Poker Run. They appreciated your generosity.

This year's winners include:

- 1st Place: John Crary
- 2nd Place: Tom Monell
- 3rd Place: Unclaimed
- 4th Place: Dawn Reisdorph
- 5th Place: Tom Monell
- 6th Place: Little Johnny Reisdorph

We wish to thank everyone who helped us make 2009 a very successful year. As we always talk about, this is



not just one individual putting on the events, it is EVERY person. Even though the Fleet Captain is in charge, it cannot be done alone. A BIG thank you to everyone who has helped me this past year....From the decorators, the clean up people, the ticket takers, the sponsors, those selling raffle tickets, those selling the MRBC memorabilia, those who bring a friend to our events, the horseshoe players, and of course everyone else who I have failed to mention. Thank you so much for another great year.

Coming up soon will be the end of the year Halloween party. This year the party will actually be on Halloween. Come join in the fun and help us hunt for body parts, we'll have hayrack rides, and games, and of course dress in costume. We'll have cash prizes for the best male and female costume and also for the team who puts their body together the quickest. Party starts at 6:00p on Saturday, October 31. Guaranteed to have a ghoulish time. Don't forget to bring your flashlights! This is not limited to boat club members, so please bring a friend (bring 2) ...the more the merrier. We'll have flyers posted at the club house.



Happy Birthday:

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| Steve Dattolico | October 1 |
| Stormy Ott | October 7 |
| Karen Hodges | October 9 |
| Board Meeting | October 14 |
| Buddy Baber (Dawg) | October 14 |
| Dudley Kool | October 15 |
| Curt Baker | October 21 |
| Al Mercuriali | October 23 |
| Mike Benson | October 23 |
| Scooter Stolen | October 23 |
| Sharon Harrison | October 23 |
| Halloween | October 31 |
| MRBC Halloween Party | October 31 |

Happy Anniversary:

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| Jo/Larry Chingren | October 23 |
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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| Docks Out | October 17 |
| Halloween Party | October 31 |

Winterizing Your Boat

Unfortunately, the boating season is winding down in many parts of the country and it is time to start thinking about protecting your valuable recreational asset. Winterizing a boat reminds me of the old commercial that says "pay me now or pay me later." The time and effort you spend now will have a definite effect on your boat's performance, or lack of it, and certainly save you time, effort and money come spring. You should remember that your insurance policy may not cover damage done by lack of maintenance or neglect.

The best place for your boat to be during the winter is out of the water, under cover, in a climate-controlled boat storage area. This, however, can be expensive. If you don't have this option perhaps you should consider shrink-wrapping your boat. This, too, is a little expensive but provides a very protective cover. Short of these two items, make sure that your boat is well covered with a tarp or some other sturdy cover.

Your first step in winterizing should be to make a checklist of all items that need to be accomplished. Check the owner's manual of your boat and motor(s) for manufacturer's recommendations on winterization. If you are a new boat owner, perhaps you should employ the assistance of a friend with experience in winterizing or hire a professional to do the job. The following is a generic outline of areas which should be of concern to





you, however, there are many resources on the Internet with more detailed and specific information.

Inboard Engine(s) - You should run the engine(s) to warm it up and change the oil while it is warm. This tends to allow impurities to be drained away with the oil. You should also change the oil filter(s). Flush the engine(s) with fresh water. You should circulate antifreeze through the manifold by using a pickup hose from the waterpump to a bucket of antifreeze. Start the engine and allow the antifreeze to circulate until water starts to exit the exhaust. This process will vary slightly depending on whether you have a "Raw Water" cooling system or an "Enclosed Fresh Water" cooling system. While you're in the engine room you should also change the fluid in your transmission. Remove spark plugs and use "fogging oil" to spray into each cylinder. Wipe down the engine with a shop towel sprayed with a little fogging oil or WD-40.



Stern Drive(s) - You should thoroughly inspect the stern drive and remove any plant life or barnacles from the lower unit. Drain the gear case and check for excessive moisture in the oil. This could indicate leaking seals and should be repaired. Clean the lower unit with soap and water. If your stern drive has a rubber boot, check it for cracks or pinholes. Grease all fittings and check fluid levels in hydraulic steering or lift pumps. Check with your owner's manual for additional recommendations by the manufacturer.

Outboard Engine(s) - Flush engine with fresh water using flush mufflers or similar device attached to the raw water pickup. Let all water drain from the engine. Wash engine down with soap and water and rinse thoroughly.

Fuel - Fill your fuel tank(s) to avoid a build up of condensation over the winter months. Add a fuel stabilizer (such as one found [here](#)) by following the instructions on the product. Change the fuel filter(s) and water separator(s).

You should consult your owner's manual for the manufacturer's recommendations on how to handle fuel in your winterization process.

Use fogging oil in the cylinders to lubricate the cylinder walls and pistons. Apply water resistant grease to propeller shaft and threads. Change the gear oil in the lower unit. Lightly lubricate the exterior of the engine or polish with a good wax.

Batteries - Disconnect the battery cables, remove the battery from the boat. Clean the terminal ends and battery with a solution of baking soda and water, rinse thoroughly with clean water. Apply a light coat of grease on the terminal end of the battery and cables. Store the battery in a cool dry place. Use a trickle charger to keep battery charged. Do not charge battery near any open flame or in a confined area.

Bilges - Make sure the bilges are clean and dry. Use soap, hot water and a stiff brush to clean up any oil spills. Once the bilges are clean, spray with a moisture displacing lubricant and add a little antifreeze to prevent any water from freezing.

Fresh Water System - Completely drain the fresh water tank and hot water heater. Isolate the hot water heater by disconnecting the in and out lines and connect them together. Pump a non-toxic antifreeze into the system and turn on all the facets including the shower and any wash-down areas until you see the antifreeze coming out. Also put non-toxic antifreeze in the water heater.

Head - Pump out the holding tank at an approved facility. While pumping, add fresh water to the bowl and flush several times. Use Vanish crystals or whatever your owner's manual recommends that will not harm your system and let sit for a few minutes. Again add fresh water and pump out again. Add antifreeze and pump through hoses, holding tank, y-valve, macerator and discharge hose. Again, check your owner's manual to make sure that an alcohol-based antifreeze won't damage your system.



Interior - Once you have taken care of the system you should remove any valuables, electronics, lines, PFD, fire extinguishers, flares, fenders, etc. Over the winter these items can be cleaned, checked and replaced as necessary. Open all drawers and lockers and clean thoroughly. Turn cushions up on edge so that air is able



to circulate around them or, better yet, bring them home to a climate controlled area. Open and clean the refrigerator and freezer. To keep your boat dry and mildew-free you might want to install a dehumidifier or use some of the commercially available odor and moisture absorber products such as "No Damp," "Damp Away" or "Sportsman's Mate."

Out of Water Storage - pressure wash hull, clean barnacles off props and shafts, rudders, struts and trim tabs. Clean all thru-hulls and strainers. Open seacocks to allow any water to drain. Check the hull for blisters and if you find any that should be attended to you might want to open them to drain over the winter. While you're at it, why not give the hull a good wax job? It is probably best to take the batteries out of the boat and take them home and either put them on a trickle charger or charge them every 30-60 days.



STORM WATCH

Wedding bells are in the future for Amy Morrison and Chuck Wenter. Congratulations you two. Many happy years! Let us know the BIG DAY.

A special thank you to all of the MRBC sponsors. We appreciate your continued support.

We had to say goodbye to some friends over the past boating season. They may be gone, but not forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

We did not have a lot of Storm Watch entries this year (or none were reported anyway), but what we did have provided some hilarious discussion in the club house and at the campfires.

Joe Paulson – we are STILL waiting for our buckets!!

Good advice: when you lay down on the cement looking for a cool place to lay your head, it's always good to let people know right away, otherwise they might think something is wrong.

TAA-DAA! And don't forget.....I know people!

Remember: Don't do anything stupid, because there is always someone watching!

I have truly enjoyed my time as your Historian and cherish our fun moments together.