



BOARD NEWS:

As some of you might know, the General Meeting (election of officers) was held on January 17, down at Rhonda's Speakeasy. We want to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come down and vote for your new MRBC Board.

The following is a brief recap of what transpired: Pat Pinney (a 2008 3 yr Board term) resigned, which left his Board position vacant for the next 2 years. At last meeting, Ed Barrett was the next highest vote-getter, and he agreed to fill Pat's vacated term. So, Ed will continue on the Board for the next 2 years.



Mark Garner has fulfilled his term as Commodore and resigned his upcoming term on the Board (which leaves his 3 yr term vacant). Tim Gard, Jim Seivert, and Leon Brasch were elected for the 3 yr. terms. Daryl Prichard was elected to fill the remaining 1 yr term. Fulfilling their Board commitments were: Daryl Prichard, Melody Dawdy, Mike King, and Russ Hodges.

Remaining Board members include: 2 yr terms: Jay Burruss, Ed Barrett, and Tim Goehring. 1 yr terms: Brian Peterson and Roger Clarke.

Dennis Butler will move into the position of Commodore. Elected officers were Shane Benson as Fleet Captain, Gene Ott as Dock Chairman, Curt Baker as Ship's Purser, Shane Benson as Fleet Captain, Ginger Zaber as Ship's Writer, and Stormy Ott as Historian.

The Vice Commodore position was filled by Tim Goehring, which left his position vacated on the Board. Melody Dawdy was elected to fill this spot.

With all of the changes and elections at the General Meeting, here is the 2009 MRBC Board of Directors:

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| Commodore | Dennis Butler |
| Vice Commodore | Tim Goehring |
| Fleet Captain | Shane Benson |
| 3 yr Board members | Leon Brasch |
| | Tim Gard |
| | Jim Seivert |
| 2 yr Board members | Ed Barrett |
| | Jay Burruss |
| | Melody Dawdy |
| 1 yr Board members | Daryl Prichard |
| | Brian Peterson |
| | Roger Clarke |
| Dock Chairman | Gene Ott |
| Ship's Purser | Curt Baker |
| Ship's Writer | Ginger Zaber |
| Historian | Stormy Ott |
| Board alternates: | Mike King |
| | Larry Tobin |

For the alternates, if one of the elected Board members resigned, Mike would be the next in line to fill the position, and then Larry.

Again, thank all of you who were in attendance and also a special thanks to Rhonda Capron and the crew at Rhonda's Speakeasy for hosting our event. As always the Key Lime Pie was delectable.

Although the club concession manager was not decided at the General Meeting, a subsequent Board meeting held in February resulted in Sonny Dawdy selected to manage the club concessions.

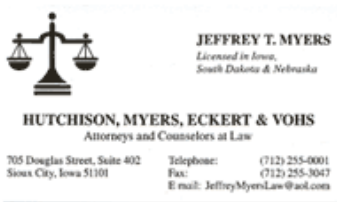
Also note: the club is open to host parties, graduations, weddings, etc. to all members in good standing. If you have an upcoming event that you would like to use the clubhouse, contact Sonny or Melody. More information will be available as we get closer to boating season.

FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

At this time, Dock's In is scheduled for April 25 (but due to the current ice jam, this may be delayed). There are currently 8 names waiting for docks. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining a dock, please contact Gene at 712/898-6785.

2009 Dock Dues:

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| Dockers | \$510 |
| Dockers with shore power | \$570 |
| Inner/outers | \$175 |
| Social with boat | \$ 65 |
| Social without boat | \$ 35 |
| Launch fees | \$ 10 |





All membership fees are due by May 1. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you pay your fees by the deadline.

All dockers, it is mandatory that you (or a representative) be present at Docks In and Docks Out. If not, you will be assessed \$50 in addition to your membership. Remember: these are YOUR docks and you are responsible to put them in and take them out. It is also your responsibility to make any repairs and upkeep. Don't forget to ID your trailer....more on this later.



FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

As most of you know, the next big event will be the Dry Dock Party, which will be held on March 28 at the Convention Center. Tickets are still available for \$40 each. Please contact one of the Board members if you are interested. We only have a few tables left, so get your tickets soon.

The pre-party will be held down at 4th Street Sports Bar. Party to start at 1:00p with Dale Blue to "kick it up" until 5:00p. The dinner will be held at the Convention Center at 6:00p with the Magnificent Board of Directors from 8:00p to midnight. Come join the biggest party of the year.



STORM WATCH:

We have some interesting tidbits to share with you already, but first we must let you know with deep sadness that we lost two of our friends this year.

Dan Johnson, 82, died February 8. Dan was a long-time active club member and in recent years was an

honorary member. Dan loved to play horseshoes and was always around for a game or two.

Tommy Schroeder, 85, died January 17. Tommy was also an active club member and held the position of Fleet Captain for 3 years early on in club history. He too, was an honorary club member prior to his death.

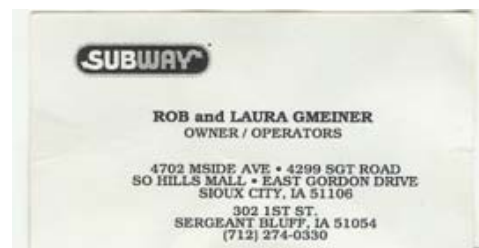
We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Dan's and Tommy's families and friends for their loss. Both will be missed.

If you have not been out to the club recently, you missed a sight to see, for sure. There is an ice jam that extends from just down river from the North Sioux Bridge to the I-29 overpass. Gene (and others) have been watching very carefully the progress of this jam. It appears since the ground is still frozen, that there is not a lot we can do at the present. We will keep watch and let you know of any news.



Congratulations are in order for Ginger Zaber and Dave Waller on their recent engagement. Dave had a surprise birthday party for Ginger on January 24 at the clubhouse, but as it turned out, it was a surprise engagement party instead. An August wedding date is tentatively planned. We'll keep you updated when the date is confirmed.

Congrats Ginger and Dave. We wish you many happy years.





Happy Birthday:

Jim Seivert	January 11
Ginger Zaber	January 20
Daryl Prichard	January 22
Tim Goehring	March 4
Julie Pottorff	March 12
Jay Burruss	March 17
Lynn Gard	March 20
Gene Ott	March 25
Russ Hodges	March 26

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dry Dock Party	March 28
Docks In (weather permitting)	April 25
Steak Fry	June 13
Hog Roast	July 25
7 th Annual MRBC Poker Run	September 5
Labor Day Breakfast	September 7
Docks Out (tentative)	October 17
Halloween Party	October 31

Happy Anniversary:

Dennis/Elle Butler	January 1
Russ/Karen Hodges	January 12
Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead)	March 8
Board Meeting	March 11



I want to welcome our newest newsletter sponsor, Dave Jones, from Brandon, SD. Dave provides organic lawn care and soil improvement.

Before we kick off the official boat club season, please notify me (or Curt Baker) if you have changed your address, email address or phone number. We would like to have the most complete and updated information as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this effort.

If there is a birthday or anniversary (or anything) you wish to share with us, please contact me at home 712/274-1727 or on my cell at 712/898-6787. Email address: ott1727@netzero.net or contact us at themrbc.com. I would be happy to include in the newsletter.

Here are some tips to help get your boat ready for boating season:

CHECKLIST

General

- Do a general cleaning of hull, deck and topsides using a mild detergent
- Make sure drains and scuppers are clear
- Put on a good coat of wax
- Clean and polish metal with a good metal polish
- Clean teak and oil
- Clean windows and hatches
- Clean canvas, bimini and dodger
- Clean interior including bilges
- Check spare parts and tools and replace as necessary
- Make sure registration is current and onboard
- Check and replace wiper blades if necessary

Hull

- Check for hull abrasions, scratches, gouges, etc. and repair
- Check and replace zincs
- Check for blisters and refinish is necessary
- Check rub rails
- Check swim platform and/or ladder
- Inspect and test trim tabs



