



BOARD NEWS:

March Board meeting:

The Board meeting consisted of updating all the Board members on the Dry Dock Party.


We have available for purchase MRBC stickers for members and friends. I'll have more on the cost of these stickers at next printing.

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The new gas pump will be installed prior to Docks In and the air conditioning unit(s) will also be installed prior to Docks In. Jay Burruss is in the process of pricing a storage shed (which will be located just north of the club house in the vacant area). Installation is not yet determined, but will be soon.



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April Board meeting:

Progress continues with the IDNR buoys. At their April meeting, it was determined that the locations will be just south of the I-29 bridge, and just north of the last dock on our property (dock 22).

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FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

At this time, Docks In is scheduled for May 9. Due to inclement weather coming our way, it was decided to push back Docks In to May 9. IF this changes, Gene

will keep you informed. Look for further updates in the May newsletter.

There are currently a few names waiting for docks. If you or someone you know are interested in obtaining a dock, please contact me at 712/898-6785.

Membership and dock price lists have been posted on the website as well as at the club....but we'll continue this info one more month.

2009 Dock Dues:

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



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FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

The Dry Dock Party, which was held on March 28 at the Convention Center was a **tremendous** success. Records were broken again this year. We sold out the Clarion Hotel on Saturday (literally, not another room was available). Thank you all of the volunteers (and you know who you are) for your help in the set up/tear down of Dale Blue, decorating the Convention Center, clean up during and after the party, ticket takers, those who sold raffle tickets and MRBC clothing and memorabilia. And we can't forget those who helped getting the boats in place. This is probably the biggest party in Sioux City, and of course no one can do it alone. ALL of your help is greatly appreciated. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!

Dale Blue once again ROCKED the HOUSE down at 4th Street. Kept the party going for an extra one-half hour. He was "slammin"! Sorry we ran out of our favorite beverage...who knew?

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the wait staff at MacBehrs, Buffalo Alice's, 4th Street Grill and Bar, the Clarion, Miles Inn, Firehouse Bar, and all of the numerous other establishments for the wonderful job. It was a madhouse weekend and you guys were GREAT!



Happy Anniversary:

Rick/Carla Berding Anniversary
Jamiee/Shane Benson Anniversary

April 2
April 21



Of course, we MUST give a special thank you to all of the sponsors for donating to our cause:

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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.

STORM WATCH

Our deepest sympathies go to family and friends of Sam Fruechtenicht, who passed away suddenly on April 4. Sam was a long-time member of the MRBC. We are thinking of you, Carol, during your time of sorrow. God Bless.

Before we kick off the official boating season, please notify me 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.

Once again, thank you to all of our newsletter sponsors.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Club opening April 25
Even though Docks In has been moved to May, Sonny and Melody will open for business as originally scheduled.

Once again, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR A JOB WELL DONE. We are certainly looking forward to next year.

Happy Birthday:

- Dan Lewis April 4
- Board Meeting April 1
- Julie Barrett April 9
- Penny Seivert April 9
- Happy Easter April 12
- Larry Chingren April 14
- Mindy Burruss April 23
- Docks In April 26

- Docks In (weather permitting) May 9
- Steak Fry June 13
- Hog Roast July 25
- 7th Annual MRBC Poker Run September 5
- Labor Day Breakfast September 7
- Docks Out (tentative) October 17
- Halloween Party October 31

MRBC club phone number is still: 234-0155. Please feel free to contact them should you have questions on hours, etc. Remember: IF you are a member in good standing, you can use the clubhouse for parties,



graduations, wedding receptions, etc. Contact Melody for details.

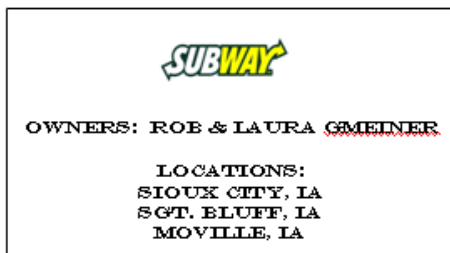
Here are some more tips to help get your boat ready for boating season:

CHECKLIST (Continued)

Electrical System and Components

- Check battery water level
- Check/recharge batteries
- Check terminals for corrosion, clean and lubricate
- Check bonding system
- Inspect all wiring for wear and chafe
- Test all gauges for operability
- Check shore power and charger
- Check for spare fuses
- Check all lighting fixtures (including navigation lights) and make sure you have spare bulbs
- Check all electronics for proper operation
- Inspect antennas
- Required and Recommended Equipment
- Sound signaling device
- Check distress signals and expiration date
- Check Pfd's
- Inspect life rings and cushions
- Check fire extinguishers and recharge if necessary
- Check and adjust compass
- Check navigation lights
- Check charts and replace as necessary
- Check radar reflector
- Check and replace first aid supplies
- Check bailer and hand pump

- Record engine maintenance log, especially date & hours of last oil changes
- Check belts for tension
- Check transmission fluid
- Check and clean backfire flame arrestor
- Check impeller
- Check and clean water strainer
- Check bilge blower
- Mast and Rigging
- Check mast and spreaders for corrosion or damage
- Inspect spreader boots and shrouds
- Inspect rivets and screw connections for corrosion
- Check reefing points and reefing gear
- Clean sail track
- Check rigging, turnbuckles and clevis pins for wear and corrosion
- Inspect stays for fraying and "fish hooks"
- Check forestay and backstay connections
- Check masthead fitting and pulleys
- Check and lubricate roller furling
- Check halyards and consider replacing or swapping end for end
- Tape turnbuckles, cotter pins, and spreaders

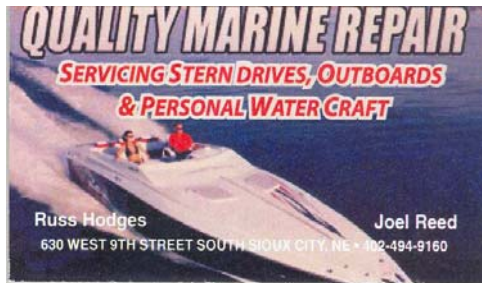


Inboard Engine(s)

- Change oil & filters - have spare onboard
- Check and change fuel filters - have spares onboard
- Check and change engine zincs
- Check cooling system change coolant as necessary - have extra onboard

Water System

- Flush water tank
- Check water system and pump for leaks and proper operation
- Check hot water tank working on both AC and engines
- Check for tank cap keys on board
- Check and clean shower sump pump screens
- Galley
- Fill propane tank, check electric & manual valves, check storage box vent to make sure it is clear
- Check refrigerator, clean and freshen, operate on AC and DC
- Clean stove, check that all burners and oven are working
- Check microwave, if fitted



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Outboard Motor

- Replace spark plugs
- Check plug wires for wear
- Check prop for nicks and bends
- Change/fill gear lube
- Inspect fuel lines, primer bulb and tank for leaks
- Lubricate and spray moveable parts
- Trailer
- Check for current registration
- Check rollers and pads
- Check and lubricate wheel bearings
- Clean and lubricate winch
- Lubricate tongue jack and wheel
- Test lights and electrical connections
- Check tire pressure and condition
- Check brakes (if equipped)
- Check safety chains
- Check tongue lock



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